

PPS RETURN TO LEARN

Piedmont Public Schools understands that students are excited to be back in the classroom, learning and experiencing the full adventure of school with their peers. We also know parents are anxious to understand the unknowns regarding the upcoming school year.

Over the course of the last year, the Piedmont Public Schools leadership team has worked closely with many different groups to make adjustments to protocols and procedures, while maintaining a safe and healthy climate for both students and employees. Many of the lessons learned have contributed to the current 2021-2022 Return to Learn plan. This plan includes:

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

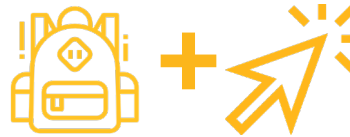
- Students with disabilities will be provided services based on their IEP or 504 educational plan
- IEP and 504 meetings may be conducted virtually or in-person



**TRADITIONAL
IN-PERSON
LEARNING**



**HYBRID LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**



**BLENDED LEARNING
OPTION
(GRADES 9-12 ONLY)**



**FULLY-ONLINE
LEARNING
PLATFORM**

The well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. We are aware regulations and situations concerning COVID-19 are changing daily. The plans we have in place now can rapidly change. If we are required to change our plans, we will communicate those changes with you by email, our website, phone call, and social media platforms. As we navigate and make choices that impact our school community, we are appreciative of your flexibility, patience, and support.



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THE DEFAULT MODEL FOR ALL PPS STUDENTS



TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON LEARNING

Traditional in-person learning will be available, unless conditions warrant otherwise.

- In-person instruction at school, 5 days per week
- Traditional academic school day
- Schoology learning management tool
- Seamless transition to hybrid learning when needed



HYBRID LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Hybrid learning will provide in-person and virtual learning during periods of student absence or campus closures. This can be due to COVID-19 outbreaks or other significant illnesses.

- Available for individual students during absence from the classroom
- Counts as a school day when student actively engages and completes assignments
- Available to all students during periods of campus closure
- Virtual coursework via Schoology
- Lessons, tutorials, & virtual supports included
- Opportunities for support and collaboration with teachers & peers



BLENDED LEARNING OPTION (GRADES 9-12 ONLY)

Blended learning is available for all students grades 9-12. This option combines traditional on-campus classes with virtual coursework.

- Enrollment in specific, fully-online courses through Edmentum Courseware (6-12) aligned with Oklahoma Academic Standards
- Requires year-long commitment
- Learning plans are directed and monitored by Piedmont High School teachers.
- Transportation only available during regular a.m. & p.m. routes
- Application process required

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for more information



FULLY-ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

The PPS Fully-Online Learning Platform is available for **ALL** Piedmont students grades K-12.

This is a great option for students who are immunocompromised or live with a family member who is immunocompromised.

- 100% Virtual
- Calvert (K-5) & Edmentum Courseware (6-12) aligned with Oklahoma Academic Standards
- Requires semester-long commitment with substantial commitment by both the student & parent/guardian
- Daily virtual check-in sessions (Grades K-5), weekly progress monitoring per subject (Grades 6-12)
- Quality digital resources, step-by-step plans, & progress tracking -- all with the support of a certified Piedmont teacher

Visit
www.piedmontschools.org/school_community/learning_options
for more information



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PHYSICAL HEALTH

The health and wellness of our students and staff is our top priority. We appreciate everyone working together to keep our schools safe and healthy.

- Vaccinations are encouraged, but not required, for all who are eligible
- Vaccination opportunities for both staff and students will be provided in collaboration with health and wellness partners.
- Social distancing will be encouraged when space allows
- No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher may enter ANY Piedmont School facility
- Students will utilize the hybrid learning environment on days where they have a fever or other symptoms of illness
- If a student actively engages in the hybrid learning environment and completes their daily assignments, they will not receive an absence
- Regular hand washing, respiratory etiquette (covering sneezes and coughs), and other recommended hygiene practices will be enforced and taught
- Seating charts and increased distance between student seating (as possible) will be enforced in classrooms across the district
- Students exhibiting fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents will be required to pick their student up. The student may return when all of the following have been met:
 - The student has been appropriately treated by a physician
 - The student is fever-free without medications for at least 24 hours
 - The student's symptoms are improving.
 - The student has been given written medical approval to return to their school site.
- Families are **STRONGLY** encouraged to begin establishing their secondary childcare plans in the event of extended student absence or during periods of campus closure
- District nurses and health and wellness partners will provide COVID symptom screenings and testing resources.



MASK POLICY

- **Masks or facial coverings are strongly recommended for ALL staff and students at school and on buses**
- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks may be required if a state of emergency is declared for Canadian County and after consultation with county and/or state health department officials



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QUARANTINE

- Quarantine practices will continue in collaboration with the Canadian County and State Health Departments.
- Students and staff are encouraged to provide a copy of their vaccine cards to the school office to have on file.
- Students and employees deemed to have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person are strongly recommended to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of contact.



EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION

- District officials will make every effort to notify specific individuals who were determined to be in close contact with the positive student or staff member. These individuals are strongly recommended to quarantine for 10 days from the last date of contact with a COVID positive individual.
- Positive COVID-19 cases and number of recommended to be quarantined individuals will be available on the district's website (updated weekly).



CLEANING & SANITATION PROTOCOLS

- Increased cleaning and sanitation protocols will be continued across the district
- Electrostatic systems will be used to disinfect classrooms and buses daily (kills 99.9% of bacteria and viruses), as needed
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and common areas
- Disinfectant will be used daily in classrooms, on doorknobs, and other frequently used surfaces



BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Students will eat in the cafeteria and resume lunches, as normal. Visitors will not be permitted in cafeterias at this time.
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the 2021-22 school year.



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PPS COVID-19 RISK PHASES

GREEN

Instructional Model:

TRADITIONAL

PPS School buildings are open, masks welcomed, but not required.

YELLOW

Instructional Model:

**PK-6:
TRADITIONAL**

**SECONDARY:
A/B SCHEDULE**

PPS School buildings are open, masks strongly recommended, following preventative practices and INCREASED proactive processes/protocols.

PPS reserves the option to implement an A/B alternating schedule for students grades 7-12.

RED

Instructional Model:

DISTANCE LEARNING

Students will access lessons through Schoology remotely.

DETERMINING FACTORS FOR RISK PHASE CLASSIFICATION

Our district will take the following factors into consideration when determining school site or district risk phase:

STUDENT ABSENCES

**LOCAL COMMUNITY SPREAD BASED
ON ZIP CODE**

STAFF ABSENCES

**CANADIAN & OKLAHOMA COUNTY
COMMUNITY SPREAD**



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ASSESSING SYMPTOMATIC PERSONS FOR COVID-19

Checking students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms can pose challenges given the similarities between certain COVID-19 symptoms and seasonal allergies; challenges with younger persons recognizing when they are sick due to mild symptoms; and the fact that some persons may have COVID-19 and not have any symptoms at all.

PPS will utilize the following assessment tool provided by OSDH and OSDE to determine when someone should be kept home or sent home from school and/or tested for COVID-19:

"A" SYMPTOMS	"B" SYMPTOMS
Fever $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$	Nasal Congestion/Stuffy Nose
Sore Throat	Runny Nose
Cough	Muscle/Body Aches
Difficulty Breathing	Fatigue
Diarrhea or Vomiting	Chills
New Loss of Taste or Smell	Nausea
	Loss of Appetite
	Elevated Temperature $< 100^{\circ}\text{F}$
	New Onset of Severe Headache

RECOMMEND COVID-19 TESTING WHEN:

Person has 1 "A" Symptom OR

Person has 3 "B" Symptoms



Individuals exhibiting one symptom from List A or three or more symptoms from List B will not be permitted at school for ten days from the onset of symptoms or with a negative COVID-19 test (performed by a medical professional) or medical doctor's statement clearing the student for return.

