

# Pikeville Independent Reopening Overview

## Educational Options

*The goal of Pikeville Independent in our return to school is to educate our students at the highest level, while also taking great caution in keeping our students, team members and families safe. Ultimately, we want to return students to school five days per week in the most normal environment possible, and in all planning sessions we have placed this as our end goal. Leading up to this goal, the team at Pikeville Independent has decided the following two options meet this standard in the very best possible way for our students.*

### **Option A:**

*Student return to classes beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>. In order to assure that our students return in a safe environment and have the opportunity to safely become acquainted with the educational process under the guidance of Public Health Guidelines, the following modified schedule will be utilized:*

- **Group A Students:**
  - Students in this group will attend in-person instruction on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
    - 8/26, 8/31, 9/2, 9/8 and 9/10.
  - Students in this group will be learning from home with materials and information provided to them on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
    - 8/27, 9/1, 9/3, 9/9 and 9/11
  - All students will be utilizing NTI to familiarize them with the process in case of use, and for purposes of planning and deep cleaning of the school on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
    - 8/28 and 9/4
- **Group B Students:**
  - Students in this group will attend in-person instruction on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
    - 8/27, 9/1, 9/3, 9/9 and 9/11
  - Students in the group will be learning from home with materials and information provided to them on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
    - 8/26, 8/31, 9/2, 9/8 and 9/10
  - All students will be utilizing NTI to familiarize them with the process in case of use, and for purposes of planning and deep cleaning of the school on the following days prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>:
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*Our district team will meet on September 4<sup>th</sup> to make a determination of how we will proceed for the week beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our desire is to allow families and team members a week in between decisions in order to make plans for childcare and other family needs. The options being consider on September 4<sup>th</sup> will be:*

1. Transition to all students five days per week in all buildings.
2. Continue the current modified schedule until Fall Break (October 1<sup>st</sup>).

*These decisions will again be based upon current numbers of cases in the area and other factors involving the health and safety of our students within the buildings.*

**Option B:**

*Students who choose this virtual option will be educated from home. The district will use a mix of technology resources and online interactions with members of our team. For families who choose this option, each student will need a device and the option to go online daily to participate in this plan. Families who do not have devices for each student will be provided with a district-owned device. A separate document detailing this plan is forthcoming.*

## *Transitioning Options*

*The education of students involves multiple stakeholders, with parents being the lead decision-makers when it comes to health and safety of their children. We realize these options are different from a traditional school year, and therefore we want to provide our families with the flexibility to make a decision on the above options, while also realizing the need to have structure in this process. In the coming days, families will be given the opportunity to complete an "Educational Option Intent Form" for each of the children in their homes. This will allow us to complete the scheduling process and assure proper communication with our families. Because of this, families will be given until the end of the day (3pm) on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to transition to the other option they did not choose. After this point:*

- Students can transition from in-person to virtual at any time during the semester based upon the needs of their families.
- Students will be only able to transition from virtual to in-person at the start of the second semester (A committee will consider special circumstances, but only in extreme cases that meet the designed rubrics will this timetable be changed).

## *Health and Safety*

*Students who return to in-person instruction will be expected to follow the proper guidelines. This includes:*

- Students will be required to have a temperature check prior to entering the school building.
- Students with a fever over 100.4 will be sent home.
- Students will be required to wear a mask during all transition periods and anytime they are unable to be socially distant.
- Only those who are an employee or student of the school will be able to enter our school buildings.

## *Transportation*

*As is expected in the current situation, guidelines for transportation have been tightened to allow for the health and safety of our students. The following things must occur for students to ride the bus to and from school:*

- *Parents are requested to take the temperature of students prior to sending them to the bus stop.*
- *Students will sit back to front (with the exception of Kindergarten students) in a seat that is assigned to them. This is required for purposes of contact tracing.*
- *Students will be required to wear masks at all times while riding the school bus.*
- *Students will have their temperature checked upon exiting the school bus.*

## *Extra-Curricular Activities*

*Extra-Curricular participation is a privilege for students who are enrolled in the Pikeville Independent School District. We understand that these activities provide additional learning opportunities, teach important skills, and provide incentives for many of our students. Students who are enrolled as either an in-person or a virtual student will be given the opportunity to participate in these activities. Guidelines are provided in short windows by each of these governing organizations (KHSAA, KMEA, KAAC, etc.). It will be expected that all students who participate in extra-curricular activities follow those guidelines as they are presented by these organizations.*

## *Notes*

*The team at Pikeville Independent considers it a great honor to educate each of your children. We find it important to treat each child as if he/she is our own, and to always consider how important they are to you as a parent or guardian. While most decisions are difficult during this time, the one thing that is at the forefront is the health and safety of our students. We ask that our families place great focus in discussing these necessary guidelines with their children. While we did not write the guidelines that will be followed, it is an expectation that we follow them, and your help in sharing this information with your children is imperative. We have a great desire to be accessible to each of you, and want you to feel free to contact our district office or your child's school anytime you have questions or specific needs. The education of children requires the involvement of all stakeholders, and we thank each of you for being part of the team that centers the focus around the education of your children. We are in a time that provides many challenges, but we will have an awesome school year with the best possible opportunities for our students!*