



Robertson County Schools
1760 Sardis Rd. Mt. Olivet, Ky. 41064

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UPDATE to Reopening Plan: November 21, 2022

The Robertson County Schools is committed to in-person classes daily for the 2022-23 school year. As a result of this commitment, we will not close in-person instruction unless required/mandated to do so by the Department of Public Health, the Local Health Department, and/or the Governor.

This update to the Reopening Plan dated 09/14/2021, addresses the use of masks by students and employees of the district. In part, the previous updated plan was due to the recent legislative action by the General Assembly in early September 2021.

Guiding Principles

- Honor and safeguard the health and safety of students and staff
- Maintain fidelity of instruction ensuring standards are taught and mastered by all students
- Support the social-emotional learning and teaching needs of students and staff
- Recognize circumstances may arise that will need to be accommodated
- Communicating effectively with all stakeholders

Guidance and Safety Expectations for In-Person Learning

The safety and well-being of our students, staff and community is our number one priority. We strongly believe that all students having access to in-person learning daily is essential to the academic and social/emotional well-being of our kids.

Due to the actions by the General Assembly in September 2021, the determination of whether masks will be required is placed on the local district. Specifically,

- **The Robertson County Board of Education will establish a mask mandate for students, district employees, and visitors inside the building. Determination if masks will be required for a period determined by the Board will be based upon:**
 - **The Incidence Rate of Robertson County as reported by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the period up to the date of the Board meeting is Substantial (> 10-25 per 100K) or High (>25+ per 100K); or**
 - **Number of active cases as reported by the local health department warrants the required wearing of masks; or**
 - **Recommendations of the RCS school nurse and/or local health care professionals warrants the required wearing of masks.**

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- We recommend **distancing of at least 3 feet** between students when possible *without changing the schedule or physical use of space in the school*. An example is to try to spread desks out as far as possible in each class and have them all face the same direction. This recommendation should not prevent student group work, other instructional activities, having students at cap size in classes or eating and socialization during lunch. Student interaction is also essential to the well-being of our students.

SAFETY/HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Faculty and Staff Mask Policy:

1. All staff are recommended to wear a mask as needed.
2. **The Robertson County Board of Education had established a mask mandate for faculty and staff but is not enforcing the wearing of masks at this time. If the Board reestablishes the wearing of a mask, then all faculty and staff shall follow the mandate.**
3. The school will provide cloth masks for all staff members, as needed.
4. Masks, if worn, must cover the mouth and nose.

Student Mask Policy:

1. Students are recommended to wear a mask as needed. If a mask is required to be worn as determined by the Board of Education, it should be worn inside the building unless medically waived or unless actively eating/drinking.
2. **The Robertson County Board of Education will establish a mask mandate for students.**
3. Parents wishing for their child to wear a mask, if not required, at school should contact the principal or send a note to school to let their request be known.
4. **Students are not required to wear a mask while being transported on the school bus unless mandated by the Board of Education.**
5. If required, the school will provide cloth masks one time for every student, as needed. It will be the student's responsibility to maintain the mask daily and have them washed regularly. Disposable masks will be provided in cases of lost, stolen or worn out masks.
6. Masks, if worn, must cover the mouth and nose.

Buffalo Trace Health Dept. will advise and provide all guidance as to school closure recommendations and quarantine situations. Health Dept. point of contact is Aaron Massey.

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