



Return to Instruction Plan

2023-2024

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Alabama Aviation and Aerospace High School (AAHS) is committed to the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families. When developing the plan for a safe return to school, AAHS consulted with families, teachers, students, health officials, and community stakeholders to better understand their concerns and seek counsel to ensure we were taking all precautions and following ADPH guidelines. The following plan will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Students will return to in-person instruction five days a week for the 2023-24 school year:

- Students will only have a virtual option through homebound services
- Assessments will be administered to students to address summer slide and learning losses
- Instruction for students will be based on Alabama Course of Study Standards.

TRADITIONAL LEARNING

- Instruction will be delivered face-to-face (at school) in a traditional setting
- The master schedule will be balanced and unused desks and furniture in classrooms may be removed; social distancing will be maximized to the extent practicable when necessary
- Cleaning of classrooms and high-touch surfaces will be conducted daily
- Physical interaction through partner or group work will be limited

ALABAMA LITERACY ACT

- The AAHS assessment plan includes grade-appropriate administration of NWEA MAP Growth reading and math diagnostic and Alabama State Assessments
- Student-specific achievement & growth and any required interventions will be communicated through regular channels such as parent-teacher contacts, scheduled achievement meetings, etc. Parents are also encouraged to create parent accounts through the PowerSchool Home Portal to monitor their student's performance.
- For students who have been identified as having a reading deficiency, communication will occur within 15 days after the date they are identified

- General and special education teachers will collaborate to share students' results from screeners and diagnostics to inform IEP revisions and accommodation design.

LEARNING GAPS

- In addition to the use of NWEA MAP Growth, AAHS will utilize (name of program) reading and math diagnostic for adaptive assessments to address gaps in reading and math achievement.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- Hand sanitizer will be provided for students and staff throughout the school
- Unnecessary congregations of students and staff will be limited
- A protocol will be established for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school (see When a Child, Staff Member, or Visitor Becomes Sick at School)
- Protocol will be followed for student arrival/dismissal

TRANSPORTATION

PARENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO SCHOOL

- Parent-provided masks required for all students on buses
- Spaced seating will be used to the extent possible
- Assigned seating will be utilized
- For students being transported before and after school via the school's buses, social distancing is utilized to ensure student safety

PREVENTION

- Contact tracing will be administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health
- Masks will remain optional for students and staff for the 2023-24 school year
- Parents are encouraged to screen students before school each morning (temperature above 100.4 °F)
- School personnel will teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and face coverings

- Signage reminding students and staff of health protocols are posted throughout the school
- Staff is trained on effective health and safety precautions
- Hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and paper towels will be provided in all restrooms, classrooms, and high-traffic areas
- Students and staff will be allowed to bring hand sanitizer and face masks/coverings to use from home
- Deep cleaning of schools will be conducted before students/staff return; scheduled periodic cleanings during weekends or school holidays/breaks will performed to the extent practicable
- Touched surfaces will be cleaned/disinfected at least daily

MEALS

- Hand sanitizer or soap will be provided for students and staff
- Students will be allowed ample time to wash with soap and water or apply hand sanitizer before meal service
- Students and staff will be allowed to wear face masks/coverings while in large group gatherings
- Cafeteria entrance/exit and serving lines will be marked for one-way traffic; staggered use will be exercised to the extent possible
- Disposable plates and utensils will be used
- Cleaning of cafeterias and high-touch surfaces will be conducted throughout the school day

TRANSITIONING

- Cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces will be conducted throughout the school day
- Areas of the hallway (i.e. lanes) to walk to keep students separated will be designated to the extent practicable
- Classroom and hallway doors will be propped open by teachers to minimize touch points

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- PPE will be provided to vulnerable students and staff as appropriate
- Vulnerable students and staff will be allowed to wear PPE throughout the school day, to the extent practicable
- An early transition will be allowed for vulnerable students to go to classes

- FERPA and HIPPA requirements will be followed.

WHEN A CHILD, STAFF MEMBER, OR VISITOR BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL

- An isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms will be identified within the school.
- School nurses and other healthcare providers will use Universal Precautions when caring for sick people.
- Local health officials, staff, and families will be notified immediately of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- Areas used by a sick person will be closed and will not be used before cleaning and disinfecting.
- Sick staff members and children will be advised to not return until they have been cleared by their physician and the school's administration.
- Those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 will be advised to stay home and follow state ADPH guidance if symptoms develop. If a person does not have symptoms, they will be advised to follow appropriate ADPH guidance for home quarantine.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Teachers will monitor students to ensure that appropriate practices that assist in limiting the spread of germs are observed
- Parents are encouraged to administer students' morning medications before school to minimize first-aid traffic
- School functions such as Open House, PTO, sports events, etc. may be facilitated virtually and will be communicated separately
- After-school clubs and organizations will be provided during the 2023-24 school year.

ATTENDANCE

- New attendance codes for COVID-19 quarantine due to exposure (COVQE) or a positive test (COVQP) have been added to the Student Information System

- Students will not be penalized for attendance (including non-resident students) for absences due to quarantine or any illness with COVID/flu-like symptoms
- Students will complete courses digitally while on 14-day quarantine, if required

NON-ESSENTIAL VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS WILL BE RESTRICTED

- Parents/guardians building entry will be restricted to check-ins, early dismissals, or scheduled appointments; Please will be asked to ensure their child has everything needed (school supplies, lunch, etc.) prior to coming to school
- All visitors will utilize the intercom to state reasons for accessing the front office; visitors may be screened, required to use face coverings/masks, or required to conduct school business outside.