



Covid Response Return to School Plan

Appalachian Christian Academy has adopted these guidelines and procedures as part of our Covid Response Return to School Plan for the Fall of 2020. We have planned for three possible scenarios 1) On campus school plan 2) Remote school plan 3) Hybrid school plan

ON CAMPUS SCHOOL PLAN

In order to ensure the safety of the students and staff, there will be increased safety procedures for our on-campus school. These are some of the procedures that will be implemented.

Screening

- Students' temperature will be checked upon arrival. If over 100 F, students will be immediately sent home.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to check their children's temperatures each morning and evening.
- Students and staff would be required to stay home if they show any symptoms of cough, cold or fever.
- Parents and visitors should enter the school building only if they have appointments.
- Students who develop a fever or fall ill at school will be placed in an area of quarantine until the parents are contacted.

Basic Hygiene and cleaning protocols

- Students are required to wear masks in the hallway and when they are not able to maintain social distance.
- All students and staff should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival and in between classes.
- Staff will follow the CDC guidelines* for proper cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces. * <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

- Classrooms - desks, chairs, doorknobs, and all work spaces, will be wiped down and sanitized everyday after school, and throughout the day as needed.

Classroom, Bathroom and Hallways

- There will be no sharing of school supplies - everyone uses their own pencils, erasers, glue, pencil sharpeners etc.
- Students and staff will be allowed to wear mask if they choose
- Bathrooms will be cleaned daily.
- Bathroom occupancy will be limited to two at a time.
- There will be markings in the hallways to maintain 6 ft distance.

Testing Protocols and Responding to Positive Cases

- In the event that any student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, immediate efforts will be made to inform close contacts (those who spend more than 10 minutes in close proximity to the students) so that they can be quarantined at home. Classmates should be closely monitored for any symptoms.
- Parents will be notified of any positive cases in the school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.
- If a student falls ill, they need to have a negative covid test before returning to school.
- If a child travels to a known hot spot or is exposed, they will be required to not return to school until 7 days have passed with a negative covid test.
- Students sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative or completely recovered, as defined by CDC guidelines. If healthy and capable, they are expected to attend classes remotely.
- In the event of a positive test, the classrooms and areas exposed will be immediately closed until cleaning and disinfection can be performed.

REMOTE SCHOOL PLAN

- All students will be provided chrome books and/or Ipad's for online school.
- There will be daily direct instruction through zoom. There will be virtual group class as well as individual or small group tutoring sessions for Math and Reading.
- Curriculum expectation is to cover all the major aspects as much as possible to ensure that all the learning standards are met.
- All the students will be required to participate online and complete assignments (unless there are internet or technology difficulties).
- There will be a daily schedule with classes starting at 8:30 AM or 9 AM. Instruction time will alternate with independent learning.
- Behavior Expectations - Students are expected to be punctual, presentable, and to turn on their camera during zoom meetings. In order to ensure that students follow the rules, stay on track and maximize learning, a demerit system will be used.
 - 3 demerits - Parents will be notified
 - 6 demerits - Conference with parents
 - 9 demerits - School board will be informed
 - 12 demerits - Standing in school will be jeopardized
- Assessments - Oral assessments will be given in combination with written assessments online on zoom. Google classroom and Jupiter Ed would also be used for quizzes and assessments.
- Students with no internet access - Teachers will work with families of students with no internet access to help them the best way we can.
- There will be regular communication with parents weekly or as needed through newsletters, emails, phone calls, messages about kids' assignments, performance, attendance etc.
- Parents are encouraged to use Jupiter Ed for communication and to get updates on their kids' progress.

HYBRID SCHOOL PLAN

- Health principles from On-Campus School Plan will be followed.
- Distance learning protocols from Remote School Plan will be applied.
- Weekly schedule

Option 1

- Staggered student schedules with upper grades doing on campus school two days a week, and lower grades doing on campus school the other two days of the week. Students will receive direct instruction and tutoring on their on-campus days. They will do independent work and assignments on their remote school days.

Option 2

- Two days on campus school and three days remote school for all students.