

Return to School Plan

2020-2021



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For the overall well-being of our students, the administration of Deer Creek School feels our students should be on campus with as normal a schedule as possible. We believe that in-person instruction will be the most beneficial for our students emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Our goal is for our healthy students to remain in school with as little interruption as possible. Students who are not well or are symptomatic will stay home and keep up with assignments electronically.

The following document contains the protocols for the upcoming school year. Emphasis will be placed on sanitation and safety practices to protect the health of our students. We appreciate your positivity and encouragement during this challenging time. The situation is fluid and our attitudes and outlooks will greatly affect the success of our students. Children learn by our example so it is vital that we lead them in the direction we hope they will go. If you have any questions or concerns, your child's teacher or the school office will be glad to help you. This new "normal" is a learning curve for everyone. We are looking forward to having our students return to school and making this year as near normal as possible!

Return to School

- Deer Creek School will resume school, under the White Plan, beginning Friday, August 7, 2020, from 8:00-11:00. **Doors will open at 7:30.**
- Parents WILL NOT be allowed to enter the building.
- Students in grades K3-6 will be dropped off under the elementary awning.
- Students in grades 7-11 will enter on the from the north gate between the gymnasium and the old gym.
- Seniors may enter through the front entrance.
- The first full day of school will be Monday, August 10.

Black Plan

- In person learning with no modifications
- On campus instruction

White Plan

- In person learning with limited modifications
- On campus instruction

Grey Plan

- In person learning with hybrid schedule
- On & off campus instruction

Red Plan

- Distance learning plan
- Off campus instruction

School Supplies

- School supplies for students in K3 - 6th grade should be placed in a garbage bag and labeled on the outside with the student's name and grade.
- Older students may carry their bags into the building and to their homerooms.
- Younger students will leave their supplies in the labeled garbage bag under the awning and they will be delivered to the classroom for them.
- Supplies may be brought to school on Thursday, August 6, during Meet the Creek. Please label a garbage bag and place all supplies inside. A drop off location will be designated.

DAILY PROCEDURES

It is imperative that parents screen their child's health prior to bringing them to school each day. Please inform school if you choose to keep your child home by 8 a.m. each morning. The office number is 827-5165.

Parents should screen for the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Upper respiratory symptoms
- Persistent cough
- Students riding the bus may have temperatures checked prior to entering the bus.
- Elementary students may have temperatures checked under the awning at drop-off.
- Students in grades 7-12 may be screened for temperatures upon entering the north gate.
- Temperatures may also be checked throughout the school day by staff members.
- Masks and/or gloves may be worn but are not required, unless per executive order, for students or staff. If a mask is worn by a student, it must not have derogatory words on it.
- Both staff and students will sanitize their hands when entering each classroom. Sanitizer will be available in each classroom.
- Classrooms will be arranged in a manner to ensure social distancing as space will allow.
- Building will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day by our custodial staff.
- Water fountains will be closed. Students are asked to bring their own water container or bottled water.
- Foam sanitizing stations will be placed at all entrances to the buildings.

If a child becomes sick at school:

- Any student or staff who becomes ill or shows any COVID symptoms will be sent home immediately.
- A “sick room” has been set up to separate a sick student until a parent or guardian arrives.
- Students **MUST BE** checked out through the school office.
- Any student or staff sent home with COVID- related symptoms must have a medical diagnosis to return to school.
- Any student or staff sent home with symptoms that are deemed **NON-COVID** related may return to school if:
 - they are showing no symptoms of illness **AND**
 - are fever free with no fever-reducing medicine after 24 hours
- Upon returning to school, students must report to the office for an admittance slip. A Reentry Form filled out by parent or guardian.

If your child has COVID symptoms:

- Contact the COVID hotline for guidance at 877-978-6453.
- Upon a positive COVID-19 test result, parents should contact the school office immediately.
- If a family member or sibling of a student or staff test positive, **ALL** members of the family must remain at home.
- In the case of a positive Covid-19 test, students and school personnel must:

*Be symptom free

*Obtain written doctor’s clearance to return with return date

School Snack and Lunch

- Snack and lunch can be purchased daily in the cafeteria. Snack and lunch will be eaten in the classroom, outside, or in the cafeteria with appropriate social distancing.
- Lunches will be served in “to go” boxes or bags so that they can be thrown away. Lunches may also be brought from home.
- Payment for snacks & lunches will be made through our Rodlan School Lunch Program.
- Parents will NOT be allowed to eat lunch with their students.

Visitors

- No visitors will be allowed on campus without an appointment
- Visitors with an appointment will have their temperature taken before being allowed in the building and they must wear a mask.

DISCLAIMER:

The Deer Creek School Board of Directors and administration realize the guidelines for this virus change daily and will effectively alter the direction of the academic and campus affairs of Deer Creek School, if necessary, to protect the welfare of our students, families, and staff. Of course, should the medical and scientific community make significant advances against this virus, DCS may take measured steps in the relaxation of these protocols and advise our families accordingly.

NOTICE OF RISK:

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for those who come to our campus - students, employees, and visitors. While on campus you must follow all posted instructions. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease. If infected, you may exhibit no symptoms or mild symptoms, or become severely ill or die. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and persons with underlying health conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting our campus, you voluntarily assume all risks related to the possible exposure to COVID-19

Your child's attendance at Deer Creek School demonstrates agreement to these terms and conditions.