

Corning School District

2020-2021 Reopening Information for Parents

The Corning School District is excited to welcome students back to school for the fall of 2020. This document details our plan to bring students back to school. Please know that we are taking precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Our goal is to reopen our buildings and provide a quality educational experience that prepares our students for success.

Corning Schools will follow the guidelines and directives set forth by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We hope that with this information you can make educated choices that meet the needs of your students.

Opening Day:

The first day of school will be August 24, 2020. Please contact your child's principal for information concerning schedules, procedure changes, and updates specific to your child's school.

What are my children's learning options?

CSD will offer families two choices for schooling this fall. Families may choose either onsite blended learning or offsite virtual learning.

- **What is blended learning?** A blended learning environment is where students learn via electronic and online media as well as traditional face-to-face-teaching at school. Students will interact with teachers, content, assignments, and assessments face-to-face and in a digital platform.
In an onsite blended learning classroom, students will attend school onsite. They will be instructed in a traditional classroom and received materials and assignments through a digital platform called BUZZ. In some cases, teachers may also use Google Classroom.
- **What is virtual learning?** Virtual learning consists of offsite instruction. Interaction with teachers, content, assignments, and assessment will be through a digital platform and will be 100% online.
 - Please note: You are required to have reliable internet access to choose virtual learning.

- You must have a computer at home.
- Absences will be counted (students are expected to log in daily for all classes).
- Virtual students will be graded just like on-site learners and will be required to complete all work assigned. There will be penalties for not turning work in on time.
- Virtual learning is NOT AMI work.
- The virtual learning option will last only through the pandemic (until vaccine).
- Parents will choose either the onsite blended learning or virtual option by July 20. Parents who wish to enroll their child in the virtual option will need to contact that student's principal. Specific details concerning virtual learning will be provided by the principals.

Parents who choose onsite blended learning will not need to call.

- Can students transition back and forth between onsite blended learning and virtual learning?
 - Parents who choose virtual learning for their students can certainly move their students to onsite blended learning. However, a student will not be allowed to transition more than once per semester unless there are extenuating circumstances. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken for both onsite blended learning and virtual learning students. DESE has amended the definition of an "absence" to reflect remote, off site, and virtual learning. A student is absent if the student is not

1. Present for onsite instruction provided by the district,
2. Participating in a planned district-approved activity, or
3. Engaged in scheduled instruction at an off-site location, including remote learning.

Please see the CSD Student handbook for more information about absences.

Learning Gaps

At the beginning of the school year and periodically throughout the year, teachers will administer a variety of assessments to students to determine any learning gaps that result from school closure last spring. This information will help teachers determine where they need to begin their instruction and design lessons to meet the needs of individual learners. We will also use intervention programs to help students both academically and emotionally.

Social Distancing and Face Masks

When feasible, all schools will participate in social distancing in the classrooms, cafeteria, at recess, hallways, and restrooms. Large gatherings, such as assemblies and pep rallies will be suspended until they are approved by ADH.

ALL K-12 students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear face coverings at all times when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained. CSD will provide a cloth washable mask for each student. Parents, feel free to send your child to school with his/her own clean mask daily. Acceptable masks include personal masks, disposable masks, homemade masks, handkerchiefs and scarves. Personal reusable masks must meet code of student conduct requirements and not be inappropriate or derogatory in nature. Please contact your child's principal if you have questions concerning masks.

Every effort will be made to educate students and staff on good hygiene practices.

Screening

Parents should use the current ADH Guidelines to screen their child each morning.

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 F or greater in the last two days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste and smell?
3. Have you been in contact with a person known to be infected with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days?

Students who answer yes to any of the following questions should not attend school. Students who do not feel well should not attend school. Parents, if your child is sick, please do not send them to school.

School Facilities

All facilities will be cleaned and sanitized frequently, with special attention to high traffic areas and frequently touched surfaces. We will promote frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer. Every classroom, restroom, and office will have hand sanitizer available.

Classrooms will be creatively arranged to promote social distancing. Specific details concerning lunch and recess schedules will be announced closer to school opening.

Visitors/Parents

Parents and visitors will have very limited access to the school campuses. Entry to school buildings will be limited to those who need to conduct essential business, and all visitors

entering the building will be asked to complete an ADH screening form. We realize this may create some hardships, but it is necessary to protect our students and faculty.

At this time the ADH and DESE recommend that parents do not visit classrooms or eat in the cafeteria with their child to reduce the number of social interactions. Due to safety concerns, outside lunches will not be allowed to be dropped off during the school day or at lunch. Students may still bring their lunch each morning when they come to school.

Bus Procedures

All students who ride buses will be required to wear face masks on the buses at ALL times. Students must sit in their assigned seats and stay seated until time for them to unload.

Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily. Hand sanitizer will be on all buses.

For more specific information concerning bus routes and protocol, contact Ralph Morrow or your child's principal.

Car Rider Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles when dropping off and picking up their students so that we can limit the number of person-to-person interactions. A school employee will be present at drop off and pick up areas to receive your students and help them inside.

For information concerning Arkansas Ready for Learning, please use the following link:

<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning>