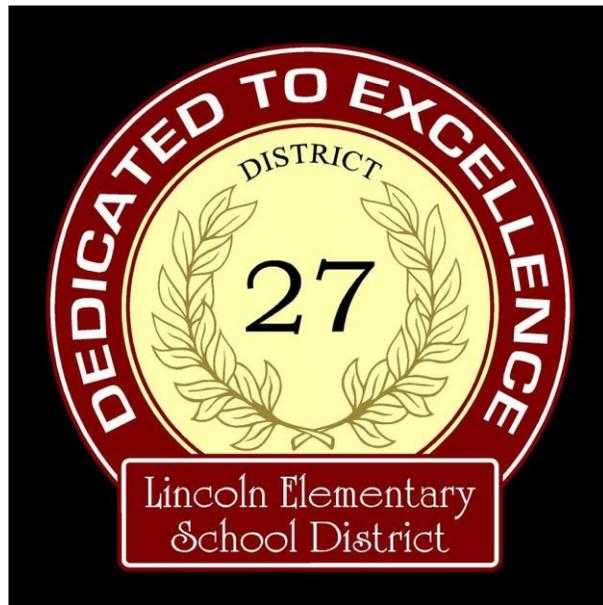


Return to School Plan

2021-2022



Lincoln Elementary School District No. 27
Kent D. Froebe, Superintendent

1. School Day

- We will offer in-person instruction every day (Monday-Friday). Full-time Remote Learning is not an option for the 2021-2022 school year. **According to the ISBE declaration, remote instruction will only be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for the vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidelines or requirements from the Logan County Health Department.** We strongly encourage parents to have a plan in place in the event that quarantining is necessary upon short notice. Students who are medically unable to attend for an extended period of time will need to follow the procedures for home/hospital services pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/14-13.0.
- LJHS school day will be from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Elementary schools will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at all buildings at 8:00 a.m.
- Students will be assigned a group of classmates in which they will stay with daily. LJHS will switch rooms with their classmates and elementary students will stay in the same classroom.
- The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

2. Face Masks

- Per Gov. Pritzker's mandate on August 4th, all individuals are **required** to wear a face mask while in the building. Students may wear a mask from home or the district will provide them as needed.
- Face masks will be allowed to be removed during certain parts of the day such as eating, or while outdoors during classroom instruction or recess.
- Masks will be required for ALL staff and students when riding on a district provided vehicle.

3. Symptom Screens

- Parents more than ever will need to be attentive to the daily health of their children. Preventing the spread of COVID-19 begins at home.
- By sending your child to school, you are certifying the following: that your child does not have a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, your child is not displaying any symptoms related to COVID-19, and your child is not waiting on the results from a COVID-19 test.

4. School Building Entry Procedures

- School doors will open at 8:00 a.m. daily at all buildings. All students will have assigned entryways upon arrival. Students should not arrive before 8:00 a.m. in order to eliminate gatherings outside of the building.

- Students will immediately report to their first hour class with all of their belongings. Teachers will have procedures in place for going to lockers and cubbies.
- Students will be expected to remain socially distanced as much as possible, and follow all arrival procedures. There will not be any mass congregation in the gymnasium or other common spaces before the school day begins.

5. Visitors

- We will be strictly limiting visitors in our buildings throughout the school day.
- If a student needs to leave school early, the parent will be allowed in the office to sign them out, but will not be allowed to enter past the office.

6. Social Distancing

- Buildings will develop procedures to ensure social distancing from others as much as possible.
- There will be assigned seating at all desks and tables.

7. Social & Emotional Support

- We recognize the importance of providing students with extra social and emotional support as they return to school this year.
- Our counselors, social workers, and psychologists will be ready to assist students and staff in need of support. Additionally, we will once again be partnering with ALMH in order to provide the MOSAIC program.

8. Transportation

- All students and staff on the bus or van will be **required** to wear a mask.
- Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- All buses and vans will be disinfected after each route.

9. Breakfast & Lunch

- Breakfast will be served in the classroom and lunch will be in the cafeteria or alternative space.
- Students will have assigned seating and be spaced out as much as possible.
- There will be absolutely no sharing or trading of food allowed.
- Tables will be disinfected after each breakfast and lunch.

10. Hallways & Lockers

- The flow of students in hallways and stairwells will be designated and controlled.
- Assigned times to go to lockers will be strictly enforced and social distancing and staggered access will be maintained.

11. Technology

- Each student will be assigned their own device. Kindergarten-8th grade will be issued a chromebook, while Pre-K and ECE will be assigned a tablet.
- At no time should there be sharing of a device for any reason.

12. Restrooms & Drinking Fountains

- Restroom usage will be coordinated by the teacher(s) to limit the number of students accessing and to ensure proper handwashing.
- All drinking fountains have been converted to water bottle filling stations across the district. The actual fountains will be closed off for the school year.
- Students will be encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day filled with water from home, and will then be allowed to refill throughout the day.

13. Band & Choir

- Full band/choir rehearsals will be socially distanced to the fullest extent possible.
- Classes will be held outdoors when possible.
- There will be no sharing of equipment or instruments.

14. Physical Education & Recess

- Classes will be held outdoors as much as possible.
- 7th & 8th grade students will be changing for physical education in the locker rooms with their pod.
- Recess will be scheduled to limit the number of students on the playground.

15. Athletics, Clubs, & Activities

- The District will follow IHSA/IESA guidance on resuming activities. Any non IESA club or activity will be discussed by building administration to determine if events, clubs, or meetings can occur.

16. Elementary Itinerants (Music, Art, STEAM)

- The goal is to have music, art, and STEAM once again this school year.
- Sharing of materials and equipment will be limited.

17. Field Trips and Assemblies

- All field trips and assemblies will be discussed with building administration and determined on a case by case basis.

18. Schoolwide Safety Precautions and Disinfecting

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands or utilize hand sanitizer regularly.
- Tops of desks will be wiped down after breakfast.
- All desks, chairs, and other frequently touched items will be disinfected daily.

- Custodians will remove all garbage, clean floors, and disinfect all door handles and other frequently touched surfaces throughout the building.
- All quarantined rooms or designated areas will be disinfected by the custodians as well as playground equipment.

19. Illness

- For everyone's protection, parents are encouraged to be overly cautious when considering whether or not to send a child to school.
- When reporting a student absence, parents are encouraged to communicate symptoms and test results.
- Individuals with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated from peers and sent home.
- If a student is excluded from school due to COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 test, his or her siblings or other students living in the same household will be sent home as well.

20. Confirmed Cases

- The district will work closely with the Logan County Health Department to ensure communication of any positive cases involving faculty, staff, or students.
- In the event of a positive case, the district will follow the appropriate quarantine procedures established by the IDPH. Any student or staff who test positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 must isolate per CDC and IDPH guidelines.
- Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 but do NOT have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested.
- Close contact definition excludes students who were within 3-6 ft. of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of masks and other school prevention strategies.
- Parents of students in close contact will be notified that their student was near someone who tested positive. Students will have two options given by IDPH and ISBE in order to return to school. The first option is a 10 day quarantine and if no symptoms develop the student may return to school. A PCR test is recommended but not required. The second option is a 7 day quarantine with a negative PCR test required starting on the sixth day.
- Students who have to quarantine at any level, will be treated as a long-term absence and will be allowed time to make up any missed school work.

21. Vaccinations

- If parents wish to provide proof their child is vaccinated, students will not have to quarantine due to close contact if they are not experiencing any symptoms.
- Without proper documentation, students will be treated as if they are not vaccinated.

22. Mitigation Levels

- We will work to develop mitigation levels which will help guide us through the upcoming school year.
- Each level has increased levels of mitigation to assist in keeping the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum.
- Mitigation levels will be based on school and local metrics over a consecutive two week period.