



LITTLE ROCK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 24, 2020

Little Rock School District is working hard this summer to meet the needs of your family, as we prepare to return to school with virtual and in-person options. Currently, our state government intends to resume school as normally as possible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Our goal will be to provide a safe learning environment that includes a rich educational experience, with opportunities for social interaction and extracurricular activities. LRSD will adhere to current guidance provided by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in planning for re-opening.

Little Rock School District students will have the option of attending school on-site or virtually (online) for the 2020-2021 school year. If your student or anyone in your household has underlying health issues, we suggest that you consider virtual (online) learning this year.

Below is a basic summary of your options for the year. Please note, there may be changes to each option as updated guidelines are released. Any new expectations will be clearly communicated.

On-Site Instruction

- Students who attend school on-site will have as normal an experience as possible. Keep in mind, that changes to policies and procedures may be needed to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff. LRSD is considering all options to create physical distancing and promote the use of handwashing, masks, etc.
- The district will be replacing its Learning and Edmentum with Schoology . On-site classes will be taught normally with the addition of all teachers utilizing Schoology to enhance instruction. If we should be required to close schools again, the use of Schoology will allow staff and students to transition to full online instruction as seamlessly as possible while still allowing for student/teacher interaction.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own device (iPad, tablet, laptop, cell phone, etc.) to school daily. In the event a student does not have a device, the district will provide one.
- Currently the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is advising the use of cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus. LRSD strongly recommends all individuals ages 10 and older wear a face covering. The district encourages parents/guardians to send a face mask with their student to school that their child feels comfortable wearing. We will have 3 ply disposable masks available on

campus as well. Ultimately, LRSD will follow the ADH guidance regarding face covering when school resumes on August 13, 2020.

Virtual Instruction

- Students will receive access to the same curriculum and special services as students attending on-site. Instruction will be accessed via Schoology and guided by an assigned LRSD teacher.
- Students will be expected to participate in the virtual environment daily, however, schedules may be fluid to meet the needs of students. Attendance will be taken daily.
- Students will be allowed to participate/attend extracurricular activities and other events.
- Students will maintain their seat in their assigned school. Choosing virtual instruction will not affect a student's school placement for the following year.

Parents should indicate their choice in instructional delivery for each child in the home by Monday, June 29, 2020. Fill out the form by clicking the following link: <https://securek12.lrsd.org/MyChoiceFall2020/>. If no response is received, it will be assumed the student is attending school in person.