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Back To School Forum

August 9, 2021



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Agenda

- I. Welcome - Director Tagliareni
- II. Back to School Update - Dr. Pruitt
- III. Q&A - ACSD Team
- IV. School Breakout Session - Building Principals
- V. General Session - Dr. Pruitt
- VI. Closing & Next Steps - Dr. Pruitt



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Welcome



Ankeny Board of Education
Vice President
Amy Tagliareni



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Our Mission:

Ankeny Community Schools is unified in its commitment, passion, and vision so every learner is prepared to achieve a lifetime of personal success.



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Community Agreements

- Be curious, open, and respectful
- One voice at a time
- Speak from your own experience
- Challenge assumptions
- Be conscious of intent vs. impact
- Encourage each other to follow the ground rules
- It's not about perfection but about connection and learning



ESSER Requirements

By August 20, 2021 each district must:

- Assure that the Return To Learn Plan has been updated
- Assure that the district's current Return To Learn Plan ensure continuity of services in the event that school is disrupted
- Assure that the current version of the district's Return To Learn Plan is posted to the district's website



SIAC and Website Feedback:

- Draft was shared at the SIAC meeting on 6/14/21 and published
- Public comment began June 25, 2021
- Featured post on the website obtained 86 unique page views outside the direct email campaign, with an average time spent of 2 minute 9 seconds spent on page



SIAC and Website Feedback

- What is the process for positive cases?
- Will students be socially distanced?
- Appreciation for the mitigation steps
- Focus on social and emotional health
- Continue to ask parents and the community for input
- Appreciation for 100% onsite learning



Updated CDC Guidance (7.27.21)		Current Iowa Law & Public Health Initiatives
Face Coverings	<p>Fully vaccinated people wear masks indoors in areas of substantial or high transmission.</p> <p>School staff, students, and visitors to schools wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.</p>	Districts may not <u>require</u> masks to be worn on district property. However, they may be worn at the individual's discretion.
Vaccination	<p>Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	Iowa Department of Public Health maintains a vaccination website with info about vaccinations.
Other Mitigation Strategies	<p>Students and staff should stay home when showing signs of any infectious illness and be referred to healthcare provider for testing and care.</p>	District may not quarantine , per public health authorities. <p>Other mitigation strategies, including urging "stay home if sick" are permissible.</p>



CDC Order: Buses

CDC ORDER (2.1.21)

Direction from IDPH and DE (8.6.21)

Face
Coverings
on School
Buses

Passengers and drivers **must wear masks** over the nose and mouth when traveling on **school buses.**

The **Feb. 1., 2021 CDC mask order** for public transportation **applies to school buses.**



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Summer 2021 Return To Learn

At the current time, the Ankeny Community School District plans to operate under its normal, standard processes and procedures and will continue to follow all state and federal laws, including in-person learning for students and optional mask usage for all students, staff, and visitors. The Ankeny Community School District will follow policy and handbook language unless changes are directed by governmental authorities.



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Summer 2021 Return To Learn

The Ankeny Community School District will follow the guidance of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Education to respond to positive cases of COVID-19 for students and staff.



Summer 2021 Return To Learn

The Ankeny Community School District will continue to support the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors through the following mitigation practices:

- Increased circulation of outdoor air through the HVAC system
- MERV-13 filters in HVAC systems
- Encouragement of students and staff to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently
- Increased availability of hand sanitizer in common areas and classrooms
- Custodial cleaning practices will be focused on cleaning for health, which includes an emphasis on disinfecting surfaces where bacteria or viruses are most likely to be transmitted
- Working with local public health authorities to determine what additional measures may be warranted



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The Ankeny Community School District will ensure continuity of services for academics, social emotional health, mental health, and other needs, including through:

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports for learning
- School counselors and social workers
- School nurses
- An expanded partnership with Employee and Family Resources



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Purpose of Remote Learning

The purpose of providing a **remote learning environment** for the 21-22 school year is to **respond to** the continuing **COVID-19 pandemic** and the **requests** of families needing to educate their children remotely **for the health and safety** of the child and/or their family members.



Process to Design & Implement

- (7/29) Survey families to determine needs.
- (8/2) Design remote learning to best meet the needs with resources with minimal impact onsite classrooms.
- (8/5) Communicate remote learning format and criteria, and provide registration link.
- (8/12) Register students.
 - (8/13-8/20) Conduct individual meetings for students with specialized learning needs



Building and Grade Information														
Building	Preschool	Kinderga..	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Gra..	11th Gra..	12th Gra..
Ankeny Centennial High Sc..												27	15	11
Ankeny High School												16	19	13
Summit or Beyond Program														1
Northview Middle School										29	21			
Southview Middle School										20	17			
Parkview Middle School								18	25					
Prairie Ridge Middle School								30	18					
Ashland Ridge Elementary		10	7	9	10	10	11							
Crocker Elementary		2	2	4	3	1	6							
East Elementary		3	2	3	3	6	7							
Heritage Elementary		6	5	7	6	2	7							
Northeast Elementary		9	10	6	9	6	9							
Northwest Elementary		2	2	5	1	3	2							
Prairie Trail Elementary		9	2	1	8	4	7							
Rock Creek Elementary		9	4	7	7	2	9							
Southeast Elementary		5	4	7	1	12	7							
Westwood Elementary		8	7	5	3	6	6							
Terrace Learning Center	11													
Null			1	1	2	1								1
Grand Total	11	63	46	55	52	53	71	48	43	49	38	43	34	25



Fall 2021 Need for Remote Survey Results

Families
Indicating Need

414

Estimated
Students*

631

Families Desiring Vaccination Clinic

545

Why might you need a remote/virtual school option for your family?

Underlying health
condition of a student



141

Underlying health
condition of a member
of the student's
household



230

Other (please state
below)



138

371 of 414 families due to health condition of student or member of household



Criteria for Remote Learning Environment

- Student in grades K-12
- A documented health condition putting the student or a household member at greater risk of COVID-19
- Students with IEPs: IEP teams will meet and determine implications for IEP services.
- High school students (9 -12) may have limited access to electives which could impact 4-year planning.



Remote Learning Environment

- Student learning will be asynchronous through the Edgenuity platform.
- Students with IEPs will have individualized plans that ensure they receive specially designed instruction (SDI).
- Students in remote learning environment will maintain a seat(s) in their assigned on-site classroom(s).
- High school students maintain current online coursework options such as DMACC online academy



Entry and Exit of Remote Learning Environment

- Students meeting the criteria may request entry into the remote learning environment at each marking period
 - Elementary - each trimester
 - Secondary - each semester
- Students may request a return to onsite instruction as follows:
 - Elementary - any time
 - Secondary - each semester



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Q & A



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Breakout Session (20 Minutes)



Room Assignments

Elementary Schools:

Ashland Ridge: Room 1208
Crocker: Room 1211
East: Room 1204
Heritage: Room 1215
Northeast: Room 1302 (Choir Room)
Northwest: Room 1210
Prairie Trail: Room 1213
Rock Creek: Room 1209
Southeast: Room 1214
Terrace Learning Center: Room 1110

Secondary Schools:

Parkview: Room 1117
Prairie Ridge: Room 1116
Southview: Room 1115
Northview: Room 1113
Ankeny High: Room 1114
Ankeny Centennial: Room 1112

Webex: <https://bit.ly/B2SForum>



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Parent Advisory Council



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Purpose

Bring together parents/legal guardians to assist with achieving the district's educational goals and supporting the success of each student through receiving input and feedback on activities and strategies intended to support the success of each student.



Comparison with SIAC

School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC)		Parent Advisory Council
Purpose	<p>Make recommendations to the Board related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Major educational needs ● Student learning goals ● Long-range and annual improvement goals ● Desired levels of student performance ● Harassment & bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share input and ideas with the superintendent and senior district administrators in support of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Achieving the district's educational goals ○ Supporting the success of each student
Membership	Students, parents, teachers, administrators, community representatives (business, industry, labor, community agencies, higher education, other community constituents)	Parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the Ankeny Community School District
Meeting Frequency	Typically, 4-5 times each year	Monthly



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Thank you!

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