

# River Bend CUSD 2 Return to Learn Details

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## WHAT ARE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES WHEN CREATING THE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN?



1. Student & Staff Safety
2. Student Relationships & Social/Emotional Well-Being
3. Core Academics



## ACADEMIC TIMES

PreK → AM class 9:00 - 11:30 AM, PM class 12:30 - 3:00 PM  
K-8 → 7:55 AM - 1:07 PM onsite, 1:15 - 3:00 PM remote learning  
9-12 → 8:00 - 10:30 AM onsite/remote, 10:30 - 3:00 PM remote only



## WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

1. Onsite learning -- students attend school on campus following the guidelines listed below
2. Remote learning -- students are provided with remote learning education off campus
3. Homeschooling -- students are not considered River Bend students and parents provide instruction



## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMESCHOOLING AND REMOTE LEARNING?

HOMESCHOOLING	REMOTE LEARNING
Parent responsibility	School district responsibility
Parent provides curriculum	School district provides curriculum
Parent provides instruction	School district provides instruction
Student is withdrawn from school district	Student is registered with school district



## CAN WE CHANGE FROM ONSITE LEARNING TO REMOTE LEARNING, OR VICE VERSA?

Parents are able to change a student PRIOR to school starting.

Once school has started, students may request remote learning but then must remain a remote learning until the end of a quarter. At the end of each quarter, students will have the opportunity to return to in person instruction.

Quarter 1: August 20 - October 16

Quarter 3: January 5 - March 12

Quarter 2: October 19 - December 18

Quarter 4: March 15 - May 24



## WHAT IF WE ARE REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE OR SELF-ISOLATE, CAN WE RETURN?

Students will be provided remote learning instruction while in quarantine, self-isolation, or other illness. When that period of time is over and the student is cleared to return, s/he may do so.



## ARE STUDENTS AND STAFF REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?

Yes, all students and staff are required to wear masks while indoors and maintain a 6 foot social distance (as best as we can), per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines that public schools must follow. No person will be admitted into a school building or onto any form of school transportation (school bus, van, etc.) without wearing a mask unless medically required.



## WILL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDE MASKS OR CAN WE USE OUR OWN FROM HOME?

The school district will provide a mask for all students and staff. However, students and staff are welcome to use a personal mask they are more comfortable with as long as it meets the needs of personal protective equipment (PPE). At this time, face shields (transparent masks similar to a welder's mask) are not permitted via ISBE/IDPH guidelines. Face scarfs, however, are acceptable. We have breakaway lanyards available for every student and staff member to help them keep track of their masks.



## HOW ARE TEMPERATURE CHECKS BEING CONDUCTED FOR BUS STUDENTS?

Students will have their temperatures taken with an infrared non-contact thermometer before being permitted to board the school bus. Students with a temperature of 100.4° or greater will need to return to the home. Parents will be contacted immediately so that arrangements can be made to safely return the child to home.



## HOW ARE TEMPERATURE/SYMPTOM CHECKS BEING CONDUCTED FOR NON-BUS STUDENTS?

- Parents are asked to complete a symptom check with their child every day at home. Symptom checklists will be posted at the entrances of each building and at the FES morning drop-off lane.
- Students will have their temperatures taken with an infrared non-contact thermometer.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 will not be permitted to attend school that day.
- **FES** - Students being dropped off by parents in the car drop-off lane will have their temperatures taken while in the vehicle with the window rolled down before exiting. Parents will not be permitted to enter the bus lane in the morning after all buses have arrived like previous years.
- **FES/RBMS** - Students that walk to school will have their temperatures taken by a staff member at the front of the building. Parents will be contacted to arrange pickup for walkers with high temperatures.
- **FHS** - Students will enter the building through the north doors by the office or through the cafeteria. High school staff will be at the entrances to take student temperatures.

## Wednesday, August 19 -

- Only students in Kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade will be in attendance.
- **Kindergarten** students and parents will come to FES at a specified time for each family.
- 6th grade and 9th grade students will be at school from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served to those students. Bus transportation will also be provided for 6th and 9th grade students.
- 6th grade students will be in their homeroom classes split by anchor/boat to help ensure appropriate social distancing.
- 9th grade students will be split into their respective anchor/boat groups to ensure social distancing and not having groups larger than 50.



## WHAT TIME WILL MY CHILD BE DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL EACH DAY?

- Bus students will be picked up at FES/RBMS at 1:07 p.m. each day
- FES/RBMS non-bus students will be released at 1:12 each day.
- This dismissal time continues until further notice.



## **IS THERE AN ORIENTATION OR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT?**

Due to the current guidelines, we are not scheduling a welcome back night for any students or parents. We recognize that students transitioning from building to building is an important time in their schooling. The district has scheduled Kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade students to be the only students in school on Wednesday, August 19. Preschool Open House nights are scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 and Thursday, August 13 from 4-7 PM by appointment only.

Other grade levels will bring their school supplies on the first day of school. Teachers will work on transitional activities with students on the first days of school.

### **FHS**

- Zero Day for freshmen will be Wednesday, August 19 (see above)
- Thursday, August 20 will be an anchor day. Sophomores through seniors will have designated times to come to the building, meet teachers, and pick up materials.
- Friday, August 21 will be a boat day. Sophomores through seniors will have designated times to come to the building, meet teachers, and pick up materials.
- Any students unable to attend their specified time will be able to come to the high school from 1:15 to 3:00 to pick up their materials.



## **WHAT WILL CLASSROOMS LOOK LIKE?**

### **FES**

We are being creative in using certified staff to create additional homerooms for our grade levels. This provides several benefits:

- Reduced number of students in every homeroom
- Fewer students in each homeroom allows for easier 6 foot social distancing
- Fewer students allows for greater personalized attention and relationships with their teacher
- Fewer students per homeroom allows us to better address social/emotional concerns
- A student's teacher on their first day of school will remain their teacher until the last day of school, regardless of whether a family chose onsite learning, remote learning, or had both during the year.
- Teachers are encouraged to take their students outside for lessons and mask breaks during the day.

### **RBMS**

- Students will have assigned seating in each classroom
- Desks will be arranged to accommodate for social distancing as much as possible
- Students will move from classroom to classroom under teacher supervision
- Desk and chairs will be sanitized between each class period.
- Each day students will fill out a quick Survey regarding their social/emotional status alerting the staff regarding any student concerns.
- Students will get outside and socially distance if possible so that everyone can take a mask break.

## **FHS - When Returning To On-Site Instruction**

- Students will have assigned seating in each classroom
- Desks will be arranged to accommodate for social distancing

- Students will move from classroom to classroom through staggered passing periods based on teacher
- A one-way path around the high school will be followed during passing periods
- Large spaces (library, west gym) will be used for large classes
- Teachers are able to take students outside for lessons and mask breaks during the day



## What Does Remote Learning Look Like At The High School?

- Teachers will be live each day during specified times (see daily schedule below)
- Students are to participate in the live sessions to receive direct teacher instruction
- Students may be requested to come into the building by teachers to complete tasks that cannot be done virtually (EX: science labs, driving, industrial tech courses, foods class, and others).
- Teachers and office will monitor number of students being requested to ensure small numbers of students
- Traditional grades will be given using the District grading scale

### Daily Schedule

8:00-10:30	Remote learner support - On-site student experiences
10:30 -11:30	1st Block
11:30-12:30	2nd Block
12:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00- 2:00	3rd Block
2:00- 3:00	4th Block



## WHAT WILL SPECIALS LOOK LIKE?

### FES

In order to minimize students moving throughout the building, specials will take on a different format. Each 25-minute special will be offered on a four-day rotational basis. Specials are as follows:

- PE - Special consideration is given to activities to ensure they are safe for students to participate in. PE will be held outdoors as often as possible, weather permitting.
- Art - Instead of using the art room which would be unsafe for several groups of students throughout the day, art will now “push-in” to the classrooms.
- STEM - Another “push-in” activity, students will participate in the CODE.org curriculum of grade level appropriate coding activities using their Chromebooks within their homeroom.
- Library - Due to safety considerations, students will not be able to frequent the library. Instead, grade level appropriate books will be brought to individual classrooms for students to still be able to enjoy reading.

### RBMS

- Students will rotate between special classes each day for a 28 minute period.
- 6th grade will rotate between Social Skills, PE and Art; 7/8th students will rotate between PE and Art.
- Students will not change into a PE uniform, therefore need to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. PE will be outside as much as possible.
- Equipment used during PE or Art will be sanitized after each class.

## **FHS**

- Students will still have PE, band, choir, art, and other elective classes built into their schedules as normal



## **WHAT ABOUT MUSIC, CHOIR, AND BAND?**

### **FES**

- Music will be provided in a remote learning environment for the school year starting the week of Labor Day. There will be one lesson per week. Students who are on campus for onsite learning will complete their respective lesson within their classroom and not be required to complete it in a remote learning format.
- Considerations for choir and band are still being made at this time.

## **RBMS**

- Students will be pulled during special time in small groups to work on band or choir.
- Students that live in town and are able to work in small groups after school is dismissed will be encouraged to do so.

## **FHS**

- Band and choir will still be offered



## **WHAT SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS ARE BEING MADE?**

### **FES/RBMS/FHS**

We are in the process of scheduling our restroom breaks for classes so they do not overlap. Student movement throughout the building is down to a minimum. Cleaning efforts and practices have been increased. Volunteers, field trips, guest speakers, assemblies and gym reservations are not permitted until further notice. Visitors will be drastically limited as determined on a case by case basis.



## **WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO STILL HAVE RECESS?**

### **FES**

Due to the movement restrictions and social distancing within the school building and classrooms, it is very important that students have the opportunity to move and exercise during PE and recess. Communication from daycare centers in the surrounding area has provided positive feedback in regards to student interactions on the playground. They have not required masks while outdoors and the equipment is sanitized before each group of students.

- FES is reducing the number of students to one grade level at recess at a time.
- Students will not be required to wear masks unless they are inactive and less than 6 feet apart.
- Students will sanitize their hands before and after recess.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized between each group of students.
- Restrictions of playground areas will be implemented for groups over 50.

## **RBMS**

- Weather permitting, students will have recess outside after finishing lunch.
  - If students are running and playing outside they will not be required to wear a mask.
  - If students are standing and socializing with their friends AND are 6 feet apart, they will not be required to wear a mask.
- If recess is inside, students will be in the gymnasium but will have to be masked.



## **HOW WILL LUNCH WORK?**

### **REMOTE**

- Those choosing remote learning will have the opportunity to purchase up to five breakfast meals and five lunch meals each week.
- On Mondays, parents can pick up the weekly meals from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the southside of FHS with a drive thru service or at the Albany Fire Station.
  - FES, RBMS and FHS Remote learners will all pick up their meals on the southside of FHS or the Albany Fire Station.
- Charges to each students' PushCoin account will be the same as if they were in school.
- A weekly sign-up form will be sent to families.

### **FES**

- With Anchor/Boat days in effect, students will eat lunch in the gymnasium one grade level at a time. We are able to keep 6 foot distancing and less than 50 people in the gymnasium.
- Anchor/Boat Students have the opportunity to purchase lunch and breakfast for their off days. Parents must sign up through the weekly form for the number of meals needed.
  - These meals will need to be picked up on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the southside of FHS or Albany Fire Station.
  - Charges to each students' PushCoin account will be the same as if they were in school.
  - A weekly sign-up form will be sent to families.

### **RBMS**

- Weather will play a factor in lunch for the students at RBMS.
- If students are able to go outside and eat, we will have students eat outside each day.
- If students have to eat inside, students will be divided between the Multi-purpose Room, the Gym and classrooms.
  - Anchor/Boat Students have the opportunity to purchase lunch and breakfast for their off days. Parents must sign up through the weekly form for the number of meals needed.
    - These meals will need to be picked up on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the southside of FHS or Albany Fire Station.
    - Charges to each students' PushCoin account will be the same as if they were in school.
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### **FHS - While Remote Learning**

- Lunch will be offered daily. A schedule is being finalized.

### **FHS - When On-Site Instruction Resumes**

- To help alleviate congestion in cafeteria and classroom for eating, students will be allowed to leave after 4th block
- Students may grab a sack lunch to take with them if they are leaving the building
- Bus students, or students staying to eat lunch, will eat in their 5th block.
- Anchor/Boat Students have the opportunity to purchase lunch and breakfast for their off days. Parents must sign up through the weekly form for the number of meals needed.
  - These meals will need to be picked up on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the southside of FHS or Albany Fire Station.
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**The River Bend Return to Learning 2020-21 plan is subject to change based on IDPH, ISBE and the Whiteside County Health Department Guidance. The River Bend Superintendent will notify the Board of Education and Community if changes are to be made.**