

Paola Reopening Schools Frequently Asked Questions

What if parents can't find hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes as requested for school supplies? Will the district have enough to keep buildings disinfected?

The district has been stockpiling cleaning supplies including hand sanitizer and wipes. The wipes and sanitizer that parents provide as part of school supplies (if they are able to find them) will supplement the district's supply.

How many students will be in the hallway at one time?

An exact number cannot be given as it depends on the building, on-site enrollment, etc. Schedules are being evaluated to stagger transition times, making hallways one way when able to do so, and teachers rotating classrooms when possible instead of students.

Will elementary students have recess?

Yes. It is important that students be able to have free time to socialize with friends. To allow students the ability to social distance but still play with friends, the Baseball/Softball Complex may be utilized in addition to the playground at Cottonwood. The football field east of the high school and the green space between PHS and SES may be utilized in addition to the playground at Sunflower.

Who will be required to wear masks?

Current guidelines require all students, staff, and others entering a USD 368 school building to wear masks. This requirement will be dictated by state and local guidelines and will be adjusted should the guidelines change.

Will students be required to provide their own masks?

Yes. The school district will have disposable masks available should a student forget their mask, but the expectation will be that all students provide their own masks.

Who will be enforcing students to wear masks?

Teachers, staff, and administrators will monitor and enforce the wearing of masks. The goal is to encourage and educate students about mask wearing.

Will students have to wear the masks all day?

Students will be allowed to take their masks off during lunch and staff will seek opportunities to allow mask breaks by taking students outside while still socially distancing to keep everyone safe.

Will temperatures occur regularly for students and staff?

All individuals entering a USD 368 building will have their temperature taken upon arriving at the school. Hands free thermal cameras will be utilized to maintain confidentiality and to allow for a timely process to not slow the start of school. Those found to have an initial temperature

reading of 100.4 will have their temperature rechecked by nursing staff to determine if the individual needs to be sent home.

Will there be adequate space to social distance during lunch?

Many different spaces may be utilized by students to allow for social distancing during lunch. Gymnasiums, multi-purpose rooms, and other areas may be utilized in addition to the lunch room. Students may be allowed to eat outside when the weather permits and lunch times will be staggered to allow for fewer people eating at the same time.

What educational options are there for my student this fall?

Please refer to the USD 368 Paola Reopening Schools Plan for detailed information.

Onsite Learning - students will attend school as normal with necessary safety precautions as described in the reopening plan and this FAQ document.

Remote Learning - students will attend school from home and be taught by USD 368 teachers. Students will be expected to spend the same amount of time on school work at home as the students who are attending Onsite Learning. Depending on the number of students who enroll in Remote Learning will determine the exact details, but students should plan to interact with teachers via zoom during normal school hours. Some courses may not be offered remotely. Students and parents will be required to submit daily learning logs to document attendance for the Kansas State Department of Education. This documentation will be sent in weekly to the school.

Virtual Learning - students in grades 6-12 will have this as an option. Please see the USD 368 Paola Reopening Schools Plan for details.

When is the deadline for signing up for Remote or Virtual Learning?

Parents who are wanting to sign their student up for Remote or Virtual Learning must complete a Google Form by the end of day August 5 at the following link <https://forms.gle/BW2FaBUHRvRUTYzN9>. It will be assumed that if students have not signed up for Remote or Virtual they plan to attend in-person for Onsite Learning.

Are we required to enroll if we want Remote or Virtual Learning?

Yes. All students attending or receiving instruction from USD 368 must enroll via Infinite Campus by the end of day August. 5.

Will elementary students go to specials as normal?

Yes and No. To maintain stable groups of students and minimize travel between classes, many of the specials classes will take place in the regular education classroom. The teacher will travel to the students instead of the students going to the teachers classroom. This will allow for more stable groups and decrease cross contamination by many students using the same

classroom. The exception will be gym. Students will attend PE on their regular rotation in the gymnasium to allow for social distancing. Outside will also be utilized when appropriate for PE as well.

Will middle and high school desks be wiped down between classes?

Yes. Each classroom will be supplied with disinfectant spray and wipes to clean the desks between classes. All desks and classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected nightly.

Will elementary desks be wiped down between classes?

Elementary classes will remain as stable groups and will not travel between classes so a student will have the same desk all day without others assigned to the desk. When a stable group is not maintained, desks will be sanitized as needed. All desks and classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected nightly.

How will students be socially distanced on the bus?

Kansas Central School Bus will assign students from the same household to the same seat on the bus and will socially distance when possible. All students will be required to wear a mask on the bus as socially distancing may not be an option for all routes. Parents are asked to not send their children to school or on the bus if they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher or exhibit other COVID related symptoms.