



Russell Independent Schools

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Dr. M. SEAN HORNE
Superintendent

December 17, 2020

Dear Russell Family,

Governor Beshear has indicated that he will allow school districts to reopen on a Hybrid Instructional Schedule after the Winter Break. While we currently have some general guidance, the Governor's Office has not finalized the criteria that will be included in his Executive Order. We are not expected to receive the Order until late tomorrow afternoon at the earliest. Once I receive the Order, the Administrative Team and I will adjust the Reopening Plan January 2021 that I am releasing today.

The District will have Virtual Only Instruction the week of January 4-8, 2021. Beginning on January 11, 2021 the District will follow a Hybrid Learning Model. Please refer to the Reopening Plan January 2021 for specific information. Of course, all of this is subject to change depending on Orders that we receive from the Governor. Any changes that are made will be communicated to you via Remind and Social Media Outlets. All of our plans, including the Reopening Plan for January 2021, are listed on the COVID-19 Information Tab on the District Website as well.

I appreciate your continued patience during this global pandemic. Vaccines are arriving in Kentucky now and we hope this will allow us to get to some sense of normalcy in the near future. Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

M. Sean Horne

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Superintendent



Reopening Plan January 2021

The RISD Administrative Team has been working diligently on a plan to reopen face to face instruction in January 2021. Governor Beshear and the Kentucky Department of Health have recommended that schools do not return to in person learning until January 11, 2021. We plan to follow the guidance and recommendations set out by these entities. The District will continue to follow recommendations in the Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools. Please note this plan is subject to change with any Executive Order signed by Governor Beshear.

January 4-8, 2021

All students will participate in Virtual Learning

Beginning January 11, 2021

Russell Independent Schools will implement a Hybrid Learning Model. This model will be used when our County is in Orange or Red Status on the KY Covid Incidence Map. The COVID-19 Mode of Instruction Metrics for K-12 Education states that districts should implement a hybrid learning model that reduces the volume of student and educators in school facilities. In this learning model students will attend face to face instruction two days per week. The remaining three days per week will be conducted virtually. School specific schedules are listed below.

Preschool

Please see the Preschool Reopening Plan amended on December 16, 2020.

RPS

Students will be divided into A and B Groups. The school will communicate which group your child is placed in.

Monday & Tuesday Face to Face Instruction Group A (K-2nd grade)

Wednesday All Students will be Virtual Learning

Thursday & Friday Face to Face Instruction Group B (K-2nd grade)

RMIS

Monday and Tuesday

Face to Face Instruction for all 3rd Grade students; and
4th grade classes Wehrle, Arbogast and Haggard

Wednesday All Students Virtual

Thursday and Friday

Face to Face Instruction for all 5th Grade students; and
4th grade classes Pridemore, M. Smith, Dillon, Raby

RMS

Monday and Tuesday

Face to Face Instruction for all 6th Grade and Students in 7B
*7A and 8th Grade will be streaming lessons on these days

Wednesday All Students Virtual

Thursday and Friday

Face to Face Instruction for all 8th Grade; and Students in 7A
*6th Grade and 7B will be streaming lessons on these days

RHS/RATC

Monday and Tuesday

Face to Face Instruction for all students with Last Names A-K

Wednesday All Virtual

Thursday and Friday

Face to Face Instruction for all students with Last Names L-Z

The Virtual Learning Option Model will continue to be available for the remaining of the school year.

RPC Reopen Plan-Amended

AMENDED

December 16, 2020

Governor Beshear has made some changes regarding the use of instruction in counties that are orange or red on the state COVID map. Orange counties will participate in hybrid instruction. Red counties will participate in aggressive hybrid instruction. The goal of each is to reduce the number of students in schools to reduce the spread of COVID.

Preschool and childcare centers in KY were already required to reduce their capacity due to an executive order made in the summer. We made drastic changes to our program this year to accommodate this reduction in capacity.

Russell Preschool Community will continue to operate on the schedule created in October when the county is in orange (hybrid instruction). Our in person instruction will remain the same if the county is designated green, yellow, or orange because we have already reduced capacity in our classrooms.

Orange Plan

This plan will be in use if the county is green, yellow, or orange.

Students that are eligible for state funded preschool (no tuition charge) will attend 2 days per week. Students will remain on their Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday schedule.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group 1 In person	Group 1 In person	No classes	Group 2 In person	Group 2 In person

Based on enrollment our tuition program will continue to operate on a 4 day a week schedule. Students will not attend on Wednesday. Students will attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Red Plan

In order to reduce capacity even further when the county is in red (aggressive hybrid), Russell Preschool Community will operate using a small group and virtual schedule.

Students will be assigned to a small group. Virtual lessons will be provided for families that remain on virtual instruction. Small groups will meet for 2 hours on the students regularly assigned days of instruction.

RPC Reopen Plan-Amended

Students that are eligible to attend our state funded program (no tuition charge) will continue to attend on their assigned 2 days per week.. When the county is in red status, students will be assigned to a small group. They will attend for 2 hours on their assigned day, in order to further reduce capacity.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-10:30	Small group A in person	Small group A in person	No classes	Small group C in person	Small group C in person
10:30-12:30	Cleaning and Sanitizing	Cleaning and Sanitizing	No classes	Cleaning and Sanitizing	Cleaning and Sanitizing
12:30-2:30	Small group B in person	Small group B in person	No classes	Small group D in person	Small group D in person

Students that attend our tuition based program will have the ability to attend small groups in person for 2 hours a day, along with continued virtual instruction. When the county is in red status, students will be assigned to a small group. They will have the opportunity to attend in person small group instruction for 2 hours in order to further reduce capacity. Families that choose to attend small group instruction will be charged \$30 per week (an additional \$10), as this in addition to virtual only instruction. The additional \$10 is weekly, regardless of the number of small group sessions attended. Families that pay tuition must notify their teacher of intent to attend small groups by noon on Friday in order for enough materials to be prepared. Billing will be adjusted through Brightwheel as needed.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-10:30	Small group A in person	Small group A in person	No classes	Small group A in person	Small group A in person
10:30-12:30	Cleaning and sanitizing	Cleaning and sanitizing	No classes	Cleaning and sanitizing	Cleaning and sanitizing
12:30-2:30	Small group B in person	Small group B in person	No classes	Small group B in person	Small group B in person

The district will continue to make a determination on Thursday evening for the upcoming week.

Masks are required to be worn for the remainder of the school year. If there is a medical reason that masks cannot be worn, a letter from a Doctor's office must be on file.