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**Dallas Center-Grimes Community Schools
Return to Learn and Reentry Guide**

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This document is designed to establish recommendations for Dallas Center-Grimes in planning for the traditional face-to-face classroom instruction or remote continuous learning instruction, disinfecting campuses, and ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors following the COVID-19 pandemic response. These recommendations balance public health concerns against the importance of education and the services schools provide to its stakeholders and community.

The State of Iowa has directed a Return to Learn Plan be established prior to implementation of classroom instruction that meets the current requirement of 1080 hours of instructional time per school year (K-12). Implementation of hybrid or continuous learning requirements should consider decisions made in accordance with the current public health guidance and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Iowa Department of Education (DE), school district and culture, as well as community safety and welfare of the staff and student population.

All schools within the state will need to have a plan to return to learn that addresses Required Continuous Learning, Leadership and Infrastructure, Health and Safety, Academic Standards, Social-Emotional Behavioral-Health, Equity and Data. The district work will be accomplished in a uniform fashion through use of the district plan template. The template for our plan is based upon work completed by Dallas County in Dallas, Texas as the template aligns with current discussions and planning within the district. Due to the unique and specific needs which exist from elementary to middle to high school, all Dallas Center-Grimes schools PreK-12 will have a building plan, which aligns to the district plan. Building plan specifics will be developed in collaboration with district and building level teams.



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Return to Learn and Reentry Plan Template

The following is the planning template for the Return to Learn and reopening of school buildings to receive students.

The district delivery model for school may not be finalized until August of 2020, as the State of Iowa will determine and communicate what constitutes as safe for children to return to the school setting with COVID-19 social distancing precautions instituted.

Planning Assumptions:

- This is a planning document for the school district. Details for specific buildings will be presented (i.e. elementary, middle, high school) on a separate document for each school building. District feedback will be provided for building plans.
- It is understood that each building campus and district facilities has its own challenges and risks. With this in mind, we recognize that assessment and mitigation of the risks of district campuses and facilities and the alignment of physical distancing, disinfection and safety practices may vary in order to meet unique and varied needs and capabilities.



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This document is a guide for management during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Red font, in our Draft Document,s means verbiage or topic still need updated*
Transportation
Bus transportation of students to the school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Buses will be disinfected after every route and after every leg of an activity trip• Since social distancing of students is not practical on a school bus, all passengers and the driver will wear a mask/shield when on the school bus.• School bus drivers will be provided a mask and/or shield.• Hand sanitizer and spare masks will be available on each school bus.
Entrance/Exit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social distancing signage is located at the entrances and exits• Sanitizer is placed for use at all entrances and exits• District staff will not survey students’ health prior to entering the building.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parents are asked to conduct student health screening at home.• District employees will wear face masks.
Health Screening
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District staff will not survey students’ health prior to entering the building.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We recommend that parents conduct student health screening at home.
Social Distancing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students and staff will maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet apart where possible.• When social distancing guidelines can not be met, staff will be required to wear masks when interacting with each other, students, or families. Masks will also be required for students, when social distancing guidelines can not be met. If a student does not have access to a mask, the district will provide one.



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Supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student should keep personal supplies contained within their learning area. Anything that needs to be shared should have an easily cleanable surface and be disinfected between uses, following CDC guidelines.• Teachers will provide additional pencils, markers and other classroom supplies if needed.• Classroom materials that cannot be disinfected (magazines or books) should be limited for use by one student only.• Grades 3-12 will be provided with a Chromebook.

Common Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discontinue use of traditional drinking fountain stations to prevent cross contamination. Filling stations will remain in use.• Staff will monitor restrooms to ensure students stay spaced and are not lingering.• Signs will be displayed regarding proper hand washing as directed by the CDC.• Hand sanitizer should be easily accessible and located throughout school.• Signage (tape on floor or directional stickers) should be used as social distancing reminders.• Doors to common spaces and classrooms remain open to avoid multiple people touching handles.• Students will use lockers only before and after school for jackets. Students will be allowed to carry bags/backpacks during the school day.• When social distancing guidelines can not be met, staff will be required to wear masks when interacting with each other, students, or families. Masks will also be required for students, when social distancing guidelines can not be met. If a student does not have access to a mask, the district will provide one.
Cafeteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals may be consumed in classrooms unless students can be seated 6 feet apart and face the same direction in designated eating locations.• Wherever meals are consumed, staff will clean the areas following sanitizing guidelines.• Taher Lunch Program will provide boxed or sealed lunches.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will potentially stagger lunch times to help reduce the number of students present and increase opportunities for social distancing. 	
Student Gathering	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Split scheduling or staggered bell schedules will be considered. Field trips will be offered virtually; no off-site field trips. School assemblies may be offered virtually. Students will wash hands or sanitize upon return to the classroom. Large student gatherings may be held outdoors or across multiple locations. Athletics will follow guidance from the Iowa Athletic Association. Club activities should be evaluated for ability to maintain physical distance. 	
Nurses Office	
<p>Describe how personnel will handle regular medication distribution, manage persons presenting as ill, and potential outbreaks.</p>	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Office Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Food Service Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Custodial Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks/Shields are required if social distancing recommendations can not be met Hand sanitizer will be provided for each staff member
Visitors/Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand sanitizer is provided at each building entrance Masks will be provided to visitors/vendors as requested.
Disinfection/Sanitation	
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning protocols will occur throughout the day to ensure that workplaces, workstations, equipment, and facilities are clean.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Classrooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.
Common Areas (Gym, Cafeteria, Media Center, Staff Workroom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be available for each space in the school, in addition to the enhanced cleaning and disinfecting schedule of the custodial staff.
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Each restroom will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
Touch Point Surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Touch point areas such as handrails and doorknobs will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Custodians will conduct a cleaning of each school nightly.● Staff will maintain adequate inventory of building cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment.



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Appendix: Return to Learn - Onsite

Issue(s): The governor and state has determined it is safe to return to school in an onsite capacity.

Recommendation: School buildings are open for all enrolled students, with state health and safety guidelines in place. Enrolled students who are unable to attend in person, due to medical conditions, will be provided an education through distance learning.

Details: Dallas Center-Grimes [**DRAFT Onsite Learning Plan**](#)



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Appendix: Return to Learn - Hybrid

Issue(s): The governor has issued a proclamation of a public health disaster, and the school board has made the decision to close a school building(s) in the district due to an outbreak of COVID-19. The district has decided to design a structure to accommodate staff and students who can/will not attend in person.

Recommendation: School buildings are open for all enrolled students, with state health and safety guidelines in place. Enrolled students who are unable to attend in person, due to medical conditions, will be provided an education through distance learning. The schedule for the Hybrid Model will reduce the number of students in the buildings on a daily basis.

Details: Dallas Center-Grimes [**DRAFT Hybrid A/B Learning Plan**](#)



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Appendix: Return to Learn -_Offsite Continuous Learning

Issue: The governor has issued a proclamation of a public health disaster to close a school district due to an outbreak of COVID-19.

Recommendation: School buildings close and no on-site instruction can be offered.

Details: Dallas Center-Grimes [DRAFT Offsite Continuous Learning Plan](#)

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