



# Franklin County Schools

## Board of Education

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"Preparing our Students for the Future"

## Return to in-person Instruction

Franklin County Schools will open on August 10, 2021, for traditional (face-to-face) instruction at each facility. Local and state health guidelines will continue to be followed during the Covid-19 Pandemic to ensure the safety of students and staff. It is important to note that the return to in-person instruction is contingent upon new information from the Alabama Department of Public Health, Governor Kay Ivey's office, and the Alabama State Department of Education.

# Things to Note

1. The school system will offer traditional, on-campus instruction during the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Students will not be required to wear masks but are encouraged to do so. If the wearing of masks becomes a mandate from the ALSDE or local government officials, masks will be provided and guideline-following will be expected.
3. Employees will not be required to wear masks but are encouraged to do so.
4. Daily cleaning protocols will be implemented and documented at all schools and on all buses.
5. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. Scheduling, social distancing, and enhanced sanitizing protocols will be followed.
6. Students will have P.E. time. Scheduling, social distancing, and enhanced sanitizing protocols will be followed.
7. We will not take every child's temperature to start the school day. The screening process begins at home with parents checking their children for symptoms of sickness, as well as fever.
8. Athletics will continue as outlined by the AHSAA. Social distancing guidelines and safety protocols are being practiced in all of our athletic departments at this time. Guidance for fans attending sporting events will be announced before the competition begins. Limited interaction with other people, in close proximity, will help mitigate the spread of the virus.
9. Schools will limit non-school personnel from entering the buildings and interacting with our students. Parents and guardians are encouraged to conduct school business via phone or email. For the time being, the Franklin County School System will restrict the following:
  - Visitors for lunch with your children
  - Class Parties
  - Meet the Teacher
  - Festivals/Plays
  - Face-to-Face Conference with Teachers/Administrators
  - Any other interaction deemed necessary by the administration
10. Registration dates for traditional learning will be announced by each individual school.

## Parent/Guardian and Student Contract For School-Issued Chromebooks

- Students without internet-capable computers at home may be issued a Chromebook or other tablet device to use.
- Willful, deliberate, or habitual damages to computers will cause Franklin County Schools to charge the student/parent the full cost of the replacement of the device or the repairs. Additionally, such cases may be turned over to the local/county police department.
- **Each device will be equipped with tracking capabilities in the event a device is lost or stolen.**
- **All network traffic from each computer is logged. It is not to be considered a personal device. The Franklin County School District is able to monitor all activity on each computer being used.**
- All computers reported stolen must be reported, as soon as possible, to the school administration. A police report is required within 48 hours. If not, the student/parent is held responsible for the full payment of the replacement.
- All damage incidents will be investigated by school administrators.
- Parents/Students are responsible for full device replacement in the event the tablet cannot be repaired or found. The typical cost is approximately \$279.00.

I have read and understood that I am responsible for the laptop/tablet device.

Parent/Guardian Printed  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WiFi Locations



Belgreen Softball Complex

Blue Springs Fire Department

Burnout Fire Department

East Franklin Fire Department

Frankfort Fire Department

Frog Pond Fire Department

First Missionary Baptist Church (Hodges)

Phil Campbell- Franklin County Schools Annex

Pleasant Site Fire Department

Red Bay Water Park

Tharptown Fire Department

Union Community Center

Vina Fire Department/Community Center

**\*\*Because of limited availability in our area, Franklin County Schools cannot guarantee internet service in all areas.**

## Child Nutrition Program

All students will be served breakfast and lunch each day. Breakfast will be served in the classroom and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. The Franklin County Schools' Child Nutrition Program has developed and will implement a strategic safety plan for meal service. This includes but not limited to, scheduling, enhanced cleaning practices, and social distancing.

## Transportation Plan

It is **strongly encouraged** that students be transported to and from school in personal vehicles.

Buses will continue to be sanitized after all routes have been completed in the morning and afternoon. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of an electrostatic sprayer, disinfectant sprays, disinfecting wipes to sanitize handrails, seats, and windows.

Each bus will have a hand sanitizer station, and each student will utilize this station as they enter and exit the bus.

- A zero-tolerance policy on discipline issues and seating arrangements will be enforced.

Bus drivers and students are not required to wear masks while on the bus. However, this may change if the state or ALSDE mandates mask-wearing.

Bus drivers and students may wear masks.

Weather permitting, the buses will continue to travel with windows and roof hatches open.

# Health & Wellness

The health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community are of utmost importance. The Franklin County School System continues to implement safety and wellness measures for our students and staff. We will follow the current orders/guidelines issued by:

- Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)

## Screening for Covid-19

- **Home Screening – Very Important!**

A student or staff member should **stay home** if they:

1. have one or more symptoms: *fever over 100 degrees, chills, new onset of cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea*
2. have been exposed to someone with COVID 19 in the last 14 days
3. have received a positive diagnosis of COVID 19, even if they are without symptoms

Any COVID 19 symptoms, exposures, or positive COVID 19 tests must be reported to the school nurse and principal. In the case of a staff member, the report should be made to their direct supervisor. ADPH guidance will be followed. **A Clearance note from a healthcare provider will be required for all students and employees with COVID 19 symptoms, exposures, or positive diagnosis to return to school.**

- **School**

Staff will visually check students for symptoms at building entry and throughout the school day.

Students and staff who have had an exposure to someone positive with COVID 19 in the last 14 days, or who have received a Covid-19 positive diagnosis in the last 14 days will be **sent home**. ADPH guidelines will be followed. **A clearance note from a healthcare provider will be required for students and employees with COVID 19 symptoms, exposures, or positive diagnoses in order to return to school. In addition, students and staff must be fever free for 48 hours without fever-reducing medication before they return to school.**

Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged.

**Students and staff who become sick at school will be sent home.** If the

student does not have a face covering, a disposable mask will be placed on the student until they are able to leave the building. The student will wait in a designated area under adult supervision until they are able to leave.

*Parents should have a plan in place to have their child picked up from school within 30*

*minutes of the time they are contacted. Parents should provide current phone numbers to the school.*

ADPH guidelines will be followed.

- **Training**

Students and staff will be trained on personal hygiene best practices to include proper handwashing techniques, proper use of hand sanitizers, and covering cough as well as signs and symptoms of COVID 19.

Staff members will be trained to recognize and report signs of COVID 19.

## **Water Fountains**

The water fountains will remain on, only for filling water bottles. Students should bring a water bottle from home labeled with his/her name.