
The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology



COVID-19 Reopening Plan

July 9th, 2020

OVERVIEW

Our school plan's primary goal is to create a school environment where students, staff, and families feel safe while keeping academic and social-emotional learning as a focus of our daily procedures. This plan was developed within the requirements of the Dothan City Schools Roadmap to Reopening Plan and may be modified based on future health and safety recommendations.

GOALS

1. Reduce opportunities for virus transmission by social distancing and containment.
2. Preserve as much normalcy as possible by still offering students opportunities to learn and socialize in a safe manner.

WELLNESS

Staff

Staff will be screened and receive a temperature reading by the school nurse upon signing in in the morning. Any staff member suspected of having viral symptoms will be asked to contact their healthcare provider for further testing. It is recommended that staff members wear masks, especially in situations where social distancing is difficult.

Students

If a student appears to have symptoms, he or she will be sent to the school nurse for further evaluation. If a student is identified as having a fever and/or other viral symptoms, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the student up. The student and school nurse will remain in the isolation room until the student is picked up by a parent/guardian. The isolation room will be fully sanitized after the student is picked up. The nurse will recommend that the parent/guardian contact their healthcare provider for further testing. Students are not required to wear masks, but we recommend that students wear a mask.

Visitors

We will ask the public to keep visits to the school at a minimum. Visitors will be required to check-in at the front office to complete a screener which will include a temporal temperature reading. Visitors will not be allowed into areas with students; they must remain in the front office area. Visitors are required to wear a mask when entering the school building.

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

Families will be required to choose between traditional school and remote learning options. Families who choose the traditional school option should understand that the student will attend school in-person. Health and safety requirements outlined above and in the Dothan City Schools Roadmap to Reopening Plan will be followed. Families who choose the remote learning option should understand that remote learning will include interaction with a DCS teacher via an online video platform (synchronous instruction). Synchronous instruction requires the student to watch and interact with their teacher in real-time through a technology-based method. Assignments will be given, submitted, and graded via Google Classroom. The decision between traditional and remote learning will be made for the duration of the first nine-week period.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Carver will follow all of the requirements of Dothan City Schools' Reopening Plan regarding Exceptional Student Services.

OPEN HOUSE

Students and parents will be invited to attend Open House in small groups between August 11th through 14th. Small groups will be determined by the student's homeroom class. Classroom teachers will contact parents/guardians with their specific Open House date and time. A virtual tour will also be provided for families who can not attend during their specified time. We request that only *current* Carver students attend and that only *one* parent/guardian attends with each student to ensure that group sizes are as small as possible. We recommend that all attendees wear a mask.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Visitors will not be allowed to escort students into student areas on the first day of school.

DRESS CODE

Carver will adhere to Dothan City Schools Dress Code Policy for those students who choose the traditional school option. Students may wear Carver School Spirit t-shirts with dress code bottoms any day of the week.

DAILY OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Cleaning and Sanitation

Carver will follow all required facility cleaning procedures from Dothan City Schools' Reopening Plan:

FACILITY CLEANING

The safety of our employees and students are our first priority. Upon reopening, our schools will have been completely cleaned and disinfected, and we will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. In addition to the cleaning of the office and school before employees and students return, the cleaning steps outlined below are to be taken to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, etc. to protect employees and reduce the risk of spreading the infection. We will require employees to maintain this safety standard by continuously cleaning and disinfecting based on the frequency stated below.

- *Custodians will wipe the door handles at all entryways numerous times throughout the day.*
- *Front offices and nurses' stations will be sprayed with a small handheld fogger nightly.*
- *The restrooms will be fogged with the handheld fogger device twice during the day and once at night.*
- *The night shift custodian will spray the playground equipment with a backpack fogger to sanitize all the equipment.*

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- *All schools' lead custodians will have a backpack fogger and a small handheld fogger on campus for immediate situations.*
 - *Hands-free hand sanitizer stations will be installed throughout each school for all students and employees.*
 - *A drum with the chemical H2Orange that will be used to sanitize will be set up at each school so that teachers can refill their bottles when empty. H2Orange is a sanitizer/virucide cleaner. It kills 99.9% of specified viruses such as Herpes, Influenza A2, Hepatitis B, and HIV-1.*
 - *Any inside door that can be propped open to eliminate cross-contamination should be opened. This will include (restrooms if applicable, cafeteria, auditorium, classrooms, etc.).*
 - *Each principal shall develop a plan to provide for the movement of teachers and students that will adhere to social distancing standards.*
 - *Maintenance staff will be assigned to spray the playground equipment nightly until adequate equipment arrives for each facility. After which, the night school custodians will perform those duties.*

Student Arrival

Upon arrival, all students will report directly to their homeroom class. Students will not congregate in hallways or other common areas.

Breakfast

Upon arrival, students choosing to eat breakfast will report to the cafeteria to pick up breakfast. After receiving their food, students will go to their homeroom class to eat.

Hallway Travel

All students will walk on the right side of the hallway. All interior doors will be propped open for the duration of the school day.

Lunch

Before entering the lunchroom, students will be required to wash their hands. Students will visit the cafeteria one class at a time to pick up lunch. Then, students will report back to their classroom to eat lunch. There will be no more than one homeroom class in the lunchroom at a time.

Recess

Each class will have a specified recess time to visit the playground and outdoor recreation area. The playground equipment will be sanitized daily, and students will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before returning to their classroom.

Technology

Students will receive a Chromebook for instruction from their homeroom teacher. Students will only use this Chromebook throughout the school day. Chromebooks will be sanitized at the end of the school day.

Classroom Learning

Academic Classrooms: Students will remain in their homeroom classrooms throughout the school day with the exception of attending special area classes. Academic teachers will rotate to grade level classrooms to teach their specialized subject areas.

Special Area Classes: Carver will host PE, Music, Art, Science Laboratory, Spanish, and Project Lead the Way (STEM Lab) classes. Special area classes will be divided into small groups. Social distancing and frequent sanitation of supplies will be enforced. Teachers will walk students to their designated special area classrooms at specified times to limit student contact during transitions.

Media Center: Students will request books from the Library-Media Specialist. The LMS will visit classrooms to deliver books and provide additional instruction on reading and library skills.

Dismissal

- Fifth-grade classes will be dismissed via intercom to the carport pavilion. The pavilion will have markers placed six feet apart to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Fourth-grade classes will be dismissed via intercom to the cafeteria. Teachers will ensure students are spaced at an appropriate distance while sitting at the cafeteria tables.

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- Sixth-grade classes will be dismissed at specified times to the gymnasium. Students will be seated on the gym floor at an appropriate distance.
 - Third-grade classes will be dismissed via intercom to be seated in the downstairs hallway. Teachers will ensure that students are seated at an appropriate distance.

Extended Day Program

Carver will continue to host the Extended Day Program. Students will be divided into small groups for extended day activities. Social distancing and sanitation guidelines will be followed.