



USD 464 Frequently Asked Questions

What happens in the event of a positive COVID case within the school? There are lots of questions regarding this. I think parents want to know that the school has a specific plan in place and that teachers are prepared to continue seamlessly in the event that school gets shut down.

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How will “specials” be affected? (i.e. PE, Music, Art, etc.)

TES - We plan on having all four specials as part of our regular daily schedule and this will include some transitions. We will be limiting the use of manipulatives in class instruction as well as the sharing of any classroom items. This will be subject to change.

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Will students be required to wear masks during outdoor recess?

TES- We are working on protocols for recess and this is one area we have not determined a procedure for.

Will students who choose the distance learning option be able to participate in school activities/sports?

TMS - Yes. If they do the distance learning through USD464. If they enroll in a different virtual program that is accredited by the state, they will have to be enrolled in one class at the building, but they can do the class remotely.

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What can parents do to help the school and the teachers to help in-person classes be successful?

TES - Follow all procedures including daily temperature checks before sending your child to school. Practice hand washing and wearing masks at home. **It is recommended that students who do not ride the bus or in a daycare van (walkers and car riders) should not be dropped off at TES before 7:30.**

TMS - Support our effort to keep everyone safe by following all procedures monitoring your student's health before sending them to school.

THS - Support the school in making sure all safety protocols are followed.

What precautions is the school taking with teachers and staff in regards to keeping them socially distanced amongst each other, not just with their students?

TES - All staff will have daily temperature checks before entering the building as well as wearing masks when entering the building. Staff will social distance whenever appropriate. In addition staff will have a clear plastic barrier between them and their students when teaching one on one or in small groups if social distancing is not achievable.

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What does the distance/virtual learning plan look like and how will the teachers ensure both equal and quality participation?

TES -Teachers will provide the same instruction whether remotely or in person. All assignments whether remote or in person will be delivered through google classroom for grades 3rd, 4th, &

5th and Seesaw for grades Kind., 1st, & 2nd. In addition remote learners will have daily video check-ins with their teachers. If video check ins are not available a phone call will be made.

TMS - Teachers will provide the same instruction as those that are physically in front of them. All assignments will be given through Google classroom in addition to video check ins during the day. Teachers will also have a Bitmoji classroom for additional links and class resources.

THS -Teachers will provide the same instruction as those that are physically in front of them. All assignments will be given through google classroom in addition to video check ins during each class period.

If a family chooses distance learning for the fall semester do they have the option to still choose in-person class for the spring semester?

District Administration - Yes, Families can have the option of remote or in person for each semester.

What new procedures/precautions will there be for bus riders? And will there be any changes to school drop-off/pick-up?

Transportation - Students will be required to wear masks during the bus ride, as social distancing is not achievable. Family groups will sit together on the bus, and we will load the bus from the back to the front to minimize students having to walk past each other. Drivers will be required to follow the same safety protocols as the rest of the staff. Buses will be cleaned and sanitized after each route.

TES - We will have six entry points for all students. In addition bus riders will drop off as normal and will follow the same protocols for entrance into the building. Dismissal will look the same as in the past with modifications to end of the day dismissal procedures inside the building.

TMS - We will have 6 entry points---3 for busses and 3 for car riders. The students will enter and exit the same way. Our bus entries and car pick up will be split by grade level. Diagrams for beginning and dismissal will be shared with staff, students and parents.

THS - Tonganoxie High School will have 3 entry points. 1. Bus ramp 2. East front doors 3. West front doors. All students will be required to enter through those doors.

Will there be any shared supplies in the classrooms?

TES- We will try to avoid any sharing of school supplies. In the event we have to share they will be cleaned and sanitized appropriately before being used again.

TMS - No. Students will carry their supplies in their backpacks.

THS - No

Will there be temperature checks for staff and/or students?

District Administration - At all USD 464 buildings staff, students, and any visitors will be temperature checked before entering.

Will parents be allowed in the building for things such as volunteering in the classroom, birthday/holiday celebrations, walking new students (kindergartners) to class on the first day of school?

TES - Currently we will limit visitors in the buildings unless they are an employee with the exception of our volunteer center. No outside or homemade treats will be allowed in the building. We will continue to recognize student birthdays, holidays, and other special events, but in all cases we will follow the same guidelines of social distancing and safety protocols for all other activities in the building. Kindergarten is a unique part of a student's life and we are working on a procedure to make the first day of school as safe as possible while allowing parents to participate in the first day experience without breaking our safety protocols.

TMS - Visitors will be welcome in the office area, but they will not be allowed to proceed beyond the office.

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Will students be able to refill their water bottles at the school throughout the day?

TES - The district has installed hands free water bottle fillers throughout the building. All students will have access to hands free water bottle fillers. We will teach all students the appropriate and safest way to refill a water bottle when they return to school.

TMS -Yes, bottle fillers are installed and students will be allowed to refill their bottles during the day.

THS - Yes, bottle fillers are installed and students will be allowed to refill their bottles during the day.

Will new incoming students, namely kindergartners, have the opportunity to visit/tour the school along with their parent(s) before the semester begins?

TES - All new students to the district will be given an opportunity to tour the building per request prior to the start of school. We plan to do this during the enrollment period.

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THS - We are targeting August 19th for building tours.