

# 2020-2021 School Reopening Plans

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The WBR Return to School Plan is outlined below. I know you have been anxious to hear how we plan to safely open schools, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. We also appreciate the input you have provided to help guide us during this process. We have spent many hours of collaboration with not only Medical Professionals, the Department of Health, the Department of Education, but also our own leaders, teachers, and parents to provide guidance in developing these plans.

In these unprecedented times our goal remains the same, to help every student reach their maximum potential. That goal, our mission, and the safety of students, employees, and our community have remained at the forefront as we developed these plans.

*WBR Mission*

*To serve the WBR Community by inspiring academic excellence and developing the moral character of every student.*

To accomplish that goal and our mission the safety of our students and staff must be our first priority. I am confident that the plans and procedures we have in place will help us accomplish our goals and not only reopen schools, but keep our schools open safely. Please review the procedures and protocols

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## Phase Summary

The phase set forth by the state will determine on-campus instruction.

***\*Students enrolled in the WBR Virtual Academy will remain in that platform for all phases.***

## Phase I

- All students will receive instruction off campus.
  - Students enrolled to attend school on campus will receive instruction through our Distance Learning Platform.
  - ***Students with special needs may be on campus to best accommodate them.***
- Teachers and Staff will report to their School Campus to provide instruction to their students through online platforms.

## Phase II

- Grades Headstart-6
  - Students in these grades will attend school In-person.
  - Static groups will be maintained to the maximum extent possible.
  - Students in grades 3-6 will wear a face covering to the maximum extent possible.
- Grades 7-12
  - Students in grades 7-12 will attend school on an alternating schedule in groups set up alphabetically by last name.
    - Group A will attend Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday on campus.
    - Group B will attend Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday on campus.
  - Students will use our Distance Learning platform for assignments and instruction on days they are not on campus.
- Teachers and Staff will report to campus to provide instruction to their students through online platforms.

**\*The maximum number of people allowed in a class is 25, including the teacher.**

## Phase III

- All Students will attend school on campus.
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## **Transportation Guidelines**

Transportation will be provided for as many students as possible in accordance with the DOH Guidelines established for Phase II and Phase III.

### Phase II

- Buses will operate at 50% capacity and students will be spaced out to the extent possible.
- Employees and students in grades 3-12 will wear a face covering on the bus.
- Students will sanitize their hands upon loading the bus.
- Seats will be cleaned after each use.
- Windows will be open to the extent possible.
- Air conditioners can operate with students on the bus.
- All buses will have a seating chart.

### Phase III

- Buses will operate at 75% capacity and students will be spaced out to the extent
- All protocols in Phase 2 will be followed.

## **Attendance**

Student attendance will be recorded and monitored for all learning platforms.

- Distance Learning and Virtual Academy
  - Teachers will maintain attendance records in OnCourse based on students “attending” classroom sessions, completing assignments, and engagement with the platforms.
  - Students will be expected to “attend” the required class meetings.
- Students not meeting the attendance requirements will be referred to Child Welfare and Attendance for further review.

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## **INSTRUCTION**

Our goal is to provide high quality instruction to our students regardless of the mode of learning. Teachers will maintain high expectations and students will be held accountable for learning.

WBR is now a 1:1 District

- All students in WBR will receive a device for distance learning.
- Students in Head Start - Kindergarten will receive a Galaxy Tablet.
- Students in grades K-12 will receive a Chromebook.

### Phase I

- Teachers will deliver their regular curriculum via our Distance Learning platforms. (OnCourse Classroom, Google Meets, Google Classroom)
- Students will be expected to login daily, “attend” class, complete and submit assignments.

### Phase II

- Headstart - 6th grade students will attend class 5 days a week.
  - Students will remain in static groups to the extent possible.
  - Students will have P.E., recess, and ancillary classes as planned.
- 7-12 students will attend class on an alternating schedule.
  - On Distance Learning days based on the alternating schedule students will work via online platforms.
  - Students will be expected to login daily, “attend” class, complete and submit assignments.
- Students with Disabilities will receive their supports as outlined in the IEP.

### Phase III

- All students will be on campus to receive face to face instruction.

### Virtual Academy

Go to the Virtual Academy Information Sheet link.



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## **SAFETY PROCEDURES**

The Louisiana Department of Health has determined that the the top three Covid-19 prevention measures are:

- Washing your hands regularly.
- Wearing a Face Covering.
- Following Social Distancing guidelines.

The following procedures will be followed to make sure we operate our schools safely each day.

### **1. Hand Washing**

- Students will wash their hands regularly and or will use hand sanitizer entering and exiting class.

### **2. Wearing a Face Covering**

- All employees will be required to wear a face covering to the maximum extent possible.
- Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear a face covering to the maximum extent possible.
- Students in grades Headstart - 2 will not be required to wear a face covering.
- Face Coverings:
  - May be masks or gaiters as long as they cover the mouth and nose.
  - Must be school approved colors.
  - No writing is permitted with the exception of school logos.
  - We will provide all employees and students with a mask if needed.

### **3. Social Distancing guidelines will be followed to the maximum extent possible.**

- Students will remain six feet apart at entry/exit points and during transitions to the maximum extent possible.
  - Desks will be positioned six feet apart to the extent possible in classrooms.
  - Elementary students will stay in static groups to the extent possible.
  - Meals will be provided following social distancing guidelines:
    - This will look different at each school based on cafeteria size and number of students on campus.
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- Students will be six feet apart in the cafeteria to the extent possible.

#### **4. Temperatures will be checked for adults and students before class starts.**

- Teachers and Staff will be checked upon arrival.
- Students will be checked when entering the building.
  - WBR has purchased multiple Thermal Checkpoint devices for every school to check the temperature of students.
  - The devices will be placed at entry points for students to walk by as they enter the building.
  - We also have hand held thermometers to use as a back up if the Thermal Checkpoint system is down for any reason.
- Adults and Students with a **temperature of 100.4** or higher will be isolated and evaluated by the school nurse to determine next steps.
  - If the temperature is confirmed and or other symptoms exist students and employees will be isolated from others.
    - Parents will be called to come pick their child up.
    - Employees will be sent home.
  - If the school nurse confirms an inaccurate temperature reading and there are no other symptoms of an infectious disease the student will be allowed to return to class.
  - The same process will be followed for employees.
- Students may be required to present a doctor's release to return to school based on nurse recommendation.

#### **5. Employees and Students will be encouraged to stay home if they are sick.**

- See Student Screening and Employee Protocol sections below.

#### **6. Facilities will be sanitized to the maximum extent possible.**

- School staff will clean frequently touched surfaces a minimum of three times a day.
  - Students will help by wiping their desktop when entering and exiting class.
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## **STUDENT SCREENING**

Student and employee health are our top priority. Procedures for student screening and employee protocols are as follows:

- Students should stay home if they are ill, symptomatic, or have been in direct, close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- If a student registers a temperature of 100.4 or shows signs of illness such as cough, shortness of breath, or vomiting, they will be required to return home.
  - Symptomatic students will be isolated until a parent arrives.
- Students may be required to present a doctor's release to return to school based on nurse recommendation.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the parent is strongly encouraged to notify the school administration as soon as possible.
  - The student will be required to present a doctor's note before returning to school to confirm the student is no longer infectious.
- If the school confirms a positive case, the district will contact local and state Medical Professionals to determine additional steps that we may need to take.
  - If a student or students were in close contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with the person who tested positive, those students may be required to stay home for 14 days and monitor symptoms.
  - This decision will be made by medical professionals.
- We will continue to follow protocols from health officials and will adjust procedures as necessary.

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## **EMPLOYEE PROTOCOL**

To keep our employees and students safe, we will also screen our staff.

- Employees should stay home if they are ill, symptomatic, or showing any signs of illness such as cough, shortness of breath, or vomiting.
- If an employee registers a temperature of 100.4 or shows signs of illness, they will be required to return home.
- Employees will need to contact their supervisor if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or have direct, close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

The West Baton Rouge Parish School District will continue to work with the Louisiana Department of Health and local medical professionals including the medical clinics on the Brusly Middle and Port Allen High campuses to provide guidance.

## **Beginning of School**

The first day of school for students will be moved to August 10 or August 11. Due to the new protocols and procedures we will bring approximately half of our students in for a “soft opening” on each of those days. This is so schools can meet with students and review procedures, safety measures, and required protocols in smaller groups. These two days will be half days for students.

\*Your child’s school will contact you about which day is the first day for your child should attend.

\*The first day all on campus students will attend together is August 12, 2020.



