



# *Plan for Return In-Person to School 2023 – 2024*

## **Bulldog Territory!**

As we plan for the upcoming year, Akin CCSD #91 continues to remain 100% open, while protocols and information for parents have been updated. These protocols, addressing CDC recommendations, will be revisited every 6 months, or as needed to address any changes. The district will solicit input from all stakeholders, and district committees representing the interests of children for revisions to the plan

Our goal is to ensure a continuity of services for all our students in the areas of academics, social emotional health, and food services

- Akin Grade School will provide all instruction face to face.
- After school tutoring as are offered.
- All students at Akin Grade School will receive free breakfast for the 2023-2023 school year.

**School dates and times for students attending in-person instruction will be Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**

Students will attend school following a traditional 5 day a week schedule. After-school tutoring will be offered. Staff have been provided training and tools to help with recovery of learning loss. Continuity of Services Research shows that students learn best when they are provided in- person instruction and immediate access to their teachers.

- School will start at 8:00 a.m.
- School will be in session for a full day with a 2:50 dismissal for bus students and a 3:00 dismissal time for pick up students.
- Masks will be available for students who request them.
- Proper cleaning/disinfecting practices will continue to be utilized by the custodial and transportation staff, focusing on “high touch” surfaces. HVAC air filtration will be monitored, with filters replaced as needed.
- To increase air circulation, staff, when possible, will open doors and windows, and/or have activities, classes, outdoors when circumstances allow.

## **Arrival/Dismissal**

- 7:30 Bus Arrival
- 2:50 Dismissal for K - 8 Students
- 2:50 Bus Riders on the bus).
- 3:00 - 4:30 Latchkey/Tutoring

## **Health/Wellness and Safety**

Akin CCSD #91 will follow all IDPH and ISBE guidelines and requirements as circumstances changes during the school year. This includes the wearing of face masks, social distancing, screening, handwashing and cleaning protocols. The district will be required to follow contact tracing and quarantine protocols put forth by the IDPH and Franklin County Health Department (FCHD). As these guidelines change and update, the district will adapt our procedures.

## **School year instructional programming**

- Schools will continue to use technology supports to enhance instruction including software, licensing and hardware.
- Additional technology will continue building on stronger family partnerships including expanded tools for communicating with families.
- Additional curricular materials will support learning through enhancements, curricular tools and other resources to enhance learning experiences for students. These tools assist in the process of creating engaging lessons, personalized learning and monitoring student academic understanding.
- Additional furniture will allow for adequate spacing and enhanced learning experiences for students.

## **Student support and engagement**

- Schools will expand language supports for families.
- Schools will expand multi-tiered systems of support including academic, behavioral and social-emotional support.
- Schools will enhance community resources and partnerships as needs change and vary.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing are key to help prevent the spread of germs. Staff members must clean their hands as often as possible with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used. Staff and students should avoid touching their mouth, eyes, or nose as much as possible. Staff and students should sanitize their hands upon entering the classroom each and every time. Each building will place signage reminding everyone of the need for proper hand hygiene in the appropriate areas. If assisting a student requires close contact, hand washing or sanitizing should be done before and after contact with students.

## **Visitor Policy**

Visitors should be restricted to authorized personnel only. Visitors to any building must wear an appropriate and approved face covering at all times and report directly to the main office. Students or staff will be asked to meet the visitor to conduct business as needed. Visitors will not have access to the building in general to maintain social distancing and student bubbling. This should be in addition to the normal sign-in procedures.

## **Plan Review**

Throughout the school year, this plan will be reviewed and revised as appropriate after seeking and considering public input. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC, provided an alternative format accessible to parents who are individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA, and made publicly available on the district's website.