

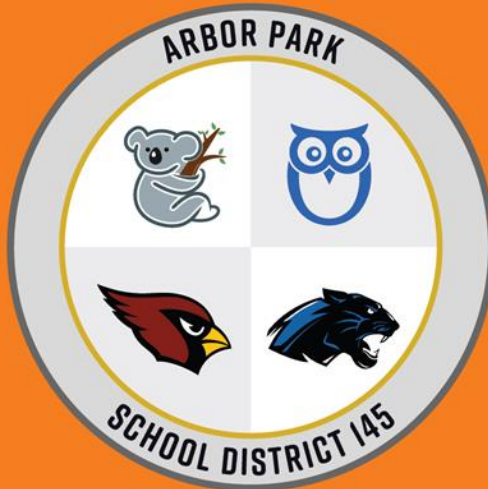


Arbor Park

School District 145



2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR



2021-22 District 145 Return to School Plan

Arbor Park School District 145 will return to in person instruction this fall (August).

Monday and Tuesday, August 16 and 17, 2021 are designated Institute Days with only Arbor Park staff in attendance. Wednesday, August 18, 2021, will be the first student attendance day. The first day of student attendance will be a full-school day.

The following are school hours for the 2021-22 school year:

Arbor Park Middle School (Grades 5-8)

7:45a.m – 2:31p.m

Scarlet Oak School (Grades 3-4)

8:55a.m – 3:00p.m

Morton Gingerwood School (Grades 1-2)

9:00a.m – 3:27p.m

Kimberly Heights School (Grades Pre-K and K)

8:30a.m – 1:30p.m (K)

8:30a.m - 11: 00a.m (PK Session 1) and 11:00am-1:30p.m (PK Session 2)

The Transition Plan for District 145 is as follows:

All students in grades Preschool-8th will return to school for in-person instruction starting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Any student with a verified medical need prohibiting participation in in-person instruction should contact their Building Principal for further information/assistance.

The Arbor Park Board of Education and District Administrative Team will re-evaluate the in-person learning plan on an ongoing basis. Any changes to in-person instruction will be based upon the current COVID-19 situation and recommendations/mandates from local and state authorities. The district will communicate changes to parents and staff as often as necessary.

Social Distancing

Arbor Park students and staff are encouraged to maintain social distancing (at least 3-feet of separation) throughout the school day as much as possible. Each building will work to ensure social distancing. This will include social distancing in the hallways and classrooms. Each classroom will remove all non-essential furniture to help accommodate with social distancing. Signage reminding staff, visitors, and students to maintain social distancing will be placed at all entrances, in classrooms, and throughout other common areas. Building staff will review their student pick up and drop off procedures to maintain social distancing.

Face Coverings and P.P.E.

All students and staff who are vaccinated will not be required to wear masks. The CDC, IDPH, and ISBE, strongly recommend that masks be worn by all individuals who are not fully vaccinated. **All individuals are required to wear a mask while on the school bus, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are expected to be properly worn over the nose and mouth (face covering). This requirement is subject to change as these guidelines evolve. Gloves or other PPE must be used as needed when assisting students that requires close contact. Arbor Park School District 145 will provide a clear face shield and a face covering to all employees. Employees may also use (and are encouraged to use) their own approved face covering. Students who do not bring their own face coverings when using district transportation will be provided with one but are encouraged to provide their own personal face covering.

Health Screening

Only students and staff who are healthy should report for in-person learning. Please be sure to contact your child's school and report each absence.

Transportation / Bus Riders

All individuals are required to wear a mask while on the school bus regardless of their vaccination status. Students will be temperature and health screened prior to boarding the bus. If a student has a measured temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, they will not be allowed to ride the bus.

Walkers/Drop-Offs

Students and Staff will enter each day through designated doors at each of our schools. Each school facility will be equipped with a walk-up touchless temperature scanner. Students who were screened at bus stops will not be required to follow this process. All entrances will be overseen by District 145 employees and no students or staff will be allowed to remain in a school facility if their temperature is at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Students and staff showing one or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19 should remain home and seek additional medical assistance:

- Fever or chills
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A measured temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
- Headache, nausea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Known close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19

Any student or staff member who begins to exhibit a high fever and COVID-19 like symptoms must report to the designated area, following the building procedure. Students will wear a face covering and will remain in the quarantine area until a parent or guardian picks the student up or alternative transportation home is arranged. Staff will remain in the quarantine area until they are able to leave. These individuals must self-monitor and return to school according to the IDPH guidelines. A doctor's note may be required for staff returning to work.

Staff who has had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 must notify their building principal or supervisor immediately and follow IDPH guidelines for self-monitoring and self-quarantine. Students/families who have had contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19 must notify their building principal immediately and follow the IDPH guidelines for self-monitoring and self-quarantine.

Walking Students / Student Drop-Offs - Students may NOT be on school grounds more than 10 minutes before the start of the school day. Students are expected to social distance prior to entering school facilities.

Facilities

All custodial/maintenance staff play a critical role in adhering to school guidelines. The sanitation procedures will include extra sanitation efforts using certified EPA products in both low/high contact areas including:

- Desktops
- Door handles
- Countertops
- Handrails
- Fountains
- Light switches
- Restrooms

Building custodians, maintenance and cleaning personnel will conduct daily cleaning and disinfection. An EPA approved cleaner will be used for disinfection along with our standard cleaning protocols. All frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles/knobs, desktops/tabletops, countertops, light switches, pencil sharpeners, computer keyboards, phones, toys, sinks and faucets) will be cleaned on a regular basis. Restrooms, hallways, cafeterias, and common areas will be cleaned throughout the day. Soft surfaces such as carpets and rugs will be disinfected daily. Items such as cloth toys or other cloth material items that cannot be disinfected will not be used.

Training

Each staff member will be required to complete safety training related to our social distancing, face covering and hand hygiene procedures. Each building will provide training to staff that is specific to their unique circumstances. Hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, and social distancing will be included in our curriculum to help educate our students on the importance of proper hand hygiene and personal safety.

Staff will also be provided with training focused on remote learning specifically tied to district curricular platforms. Students will be provided with training focused on remote learning while they are participating in face-to-face learning in the event the district needs to move to a remote status.

Classrooms

Pre-Kindergarten (PK) classrooms

- All parents will be required to wait outside Door 1 for drop off and pick up.
- Classroom areas must be clearly marked to show where to sit, stand or line-up with social distancing as much as possible.
- Common areas must be clearly marked to show where to stand or line-up for 3 feet spacing.
- Hand sanitizing must occur whenever anyone enters the classroom.
- Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Do not share school supplies between students or staff.

Kindergarten to 8th grade classrooms

- Seating will be socially distanced as much as possible.
- Common areas will be appropriately used to enforce distancing.
- Consistent handwashing will be reinforced during restroom use, lunch, and class transitional times.
- Frequent hand sanitizer accessibility and use will be practiced.
- Daily cleaning/disinfecting of classrooms.

Hallways, Main Office, and Common Areas

- Three feet social distancing when possible.
- Clearly visible signage reminding everyone of social distancing and face coverings usage at entryways, hallways, classrooms, and common areas.
- Access to school buildings will be provided to authorized personnel only. Visitors will be minimized and authorized for entry as needed only. All visitors will be restricted to the main office and specifically designated areas of each school.
- Clean high touch areas throughout the day.

School Closure Plan

Arbor Park School District 145 must be prepared for short-term disruptions and/or closures, regardless of the community spread if an infected person has been in a school building. If this happens, the CDC recommends the following procedures regardless of the level of community spread.

For further information regarding CDC and IDPH School Recommendations please visit [Guidance for COVID- 19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#) and [IDPH School Guidance](#).

Coordinate with Local Health Officials

Once learning of a COVID-19 case in someone who has been in a school, Arbor Park School District 145 will immediately notify local health officials. These officials will help administrators determine a course of action for the classroom, school and program.

***Please be aware that this plan is subject to change should we receive new guidelines from ISBE, the CDC, IDPH or if Illinois moves into a different phase.**