



Arkansas Virtual Academy Ready for Learning Plan

(Updated July 2021)

This is Arkansas Virtual Academy's Ready for Learning Plan for safely returning to school in the fall of 2021. The guidelines include procedures for any face-to-face interaction during the school year. The guidelines are set for students K-12. Arkansas Virtual Academy is a virtual school and will offer virtual education to all students. Students meet face-to-face when required for state-mandated testing. These guidelines are based on the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) directives given to school districts.

We want to provide the most "normal" experience for your student as possible. We know that education is much more than just academics and classroom instruction. Our goal is to provide as safe an experience as possible that not only includes a great educational experience but also with opportunities for extra-curricular activities and social interaction while still adhering to the guidelines provided by ADH.

Arkansas Virtual Academy will provide students in grades K-12 the opportunity to have virtual instruction using K12/Stride's digital learning platforms.

Continuity of Teaching and Learning

Virtual Learning – Arkansas Virtual Academy will provide the option of 100% virtual instruction for students in grades K-12. Teachers will be using the same platforms as mentioned above for total instruction for these students.

Diagnostic Testing – Arkansas Virtual Academy will use Renaissance STAR as the source for diagnostic assessments for all of our students to provide teachers information regarding gaps or delays that might be present.

Learning Management System - As was mentioned above, Arkansas Virtual Academy will use K12/Stride as the main platform to deliver instruction. The district will use district developed curriculum as well as using the K12/Stride curriculum as a resource for our teachers for the 2021-22 school year.

Learning Management System Training for Teachers, Students, and Parents - All teachers will be trained in the K12/Stride platform. All students and parents will have additional training and orientation on these systems during the first week of the 2021 school year. Our family engagement coordinator, family engagement coaches, building administrators, and classroom teachers will continue to provide support to parents and students on an as needed on-going basis.

Face Coverings - The following guidelines are concerning face coverings on campus and/or buses.

- All students in grades K-12 and staff will be encouraged but not required to wear a face covering properly (mouth and nose covered) during face-to-face gatherings when physical distancing (6 feet) cannot be maintained.
- All students and district personnel will be encouraged but not required to wear a face covering during state-mandated testing events.
- Face coverings should not be used on anyone who has medical conditions that would cause trouble breathing such as asthma. Medical documentation may be required for any student that will fall into this category to preclude the mask mandate.

Meals – Arkansas Virtual Academy does not serve meals.

Beginning of School - School will begin on August 18, 2021.

Open House - Open houses were done virtually in each building.

School Schedule – Students will attend school Monday through Friday. Students will log into the Online School daily and complete any assignments for the day and attend any required Class Connect sessions for the day. Teachers will be using the data from diagnostic assessments to drive their instruction for each individual student. Students will receive virtual lessons via various platforms (eg..Online School, Class Connect (through NewRow), Freckle Math, etc.) whether live sessions, recorded sessions, or daily assignments. All staff/faculty will be present on Monday through Friday which will be used in the following manner:

- Teachers/staff will be present and working directly with students.
- Teachers will be available for any student (on-site or digital) that needs face-to-face, phone calls, Zoom, or any other platform to help meet any of their individual needs or questions. Students may need to make appointments.
- Teachers will be able to use the data from diagnostic assessments to better meet the needs of each individual student.

Extracurricular Activities – Arkansas Virtual Academy will follow the guidelines in place by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in regards to participation and policies. All students who participate in face-to-face activities will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks.

Social and Emotional Services -

- Virtual counseling services will continue to be provided by district counselors.
- Special education services will be provided students who qualify.
- Dyslexia services will be provided to students who qualify.

Health Screening - The district is committed to trying to conduct our daily activities as safely as possible and will use the following guidelines:

- Parents will screen their children prior to attending any face-to-face events.
- Any person who enters the ARVA office will complete a temperature check upon entry.
- Any person who enters the ARVA office will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks.
- Only essential business visitors permitted into the ARVA office at this time.
- All students and staff will have their temperature checked prior to each face-to-face activity.

Positive COVID-19 Case - If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID the district will use the following protocol developed by the ADH:

- School appointed Point of Contact (PoC) - (Amanda Weaver or Michele Newnum) will contact the ADH.
- The ADH will give a quarantine directive to parents.
- Positive cases must be cleared by the ADH before returning to any face-to-face activity.
- Contact tracing will be conducted to determine anyone that was exposed by being within six (6) feet for a cumulative time of fifteen (15) minutes.
- This could result in a short closure of the ARVA office for extensive cleaning.
- The ADH has provided the district with a flowchart to follow and utilize as we coordinate with the ADH.

Cleaning/Sanitation - Arkansas Virtual Academy is committed to keeping our students and staff safe during this pandemic. We will be using the following protocols:

- The ARVA office will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
- ARVA will provide water bottles during state-mandated testing events. Students will be encouraged to utilize the bottled water rather than available water fountains.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be provided during all face-to-face events.
- Desks and tables will be sanitized between students during testing events.

Communication – Arkansas Virtual Academy knows that communication with stakeholders is essential as we work through this pandemic. We will communicate with our stakeholders in the following manners:

- We will communicate through email.
- We will be using our school Facebook page to send out information.
- We will be using our Ready for Learning committee to evaluate situations as we move forward and to disseminate information.

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