Saginaw Public School Return to Learn Blueprint

We look forward to welcoming our students back for the 2020-21 school year!
The Saginaw City School District has plans in place to safely and responsibly deliver high-quality education to students during the upcoming academic year. While we have created the plans that best suit our community, things change rapidly. As events in our city, county, region and state change, so may our plans. We will communicate this information to you as soon as possible through our website and social media sites.

Our plan consists of Three Learning Models, as there is a chance, we could be operating within each of these three models at some point during the 2020-21 school year.

SECTION 1: THREE LEARNING MODELS

In developing return to school models, community, staff and student perspectives were kept at the forefront. Parent and community survey data highlighted the importance of student relationships with staff and students, the need for structure and consistency during remote learning, and the desire for students to return to school in a way that keeps staff and students safe. On June 29, 2020, the Governor released the MI Safe Schools Return to Learn Roadmap (Click Link to view details of MI Safe School Roadmap). This document provided districts with overarching safety recommendations and considerations for teaching and learning as schools begin to reopen within each phase of the MI Safe Start Plan.

For those regions identified by the Governor as being in Phases 1-3, Districts are required to close school buildings and remote instruction is mandated. Saginaw County is currently in Phase 4, which allows face-to-face instruction with “required” safety protocols, “strongly recommended” protocols and “recommended” safety protocols. In Phases 5-6, some safety protocols can be relaxed.

With the framework provided by the State of Michigan and input from all stakeholders, Saginaw Public Schools has developed a continuum of learning model for Phases 4-6 that can be flexible and reactive to changing public health concerns presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. This continuum allows the District to shift learning models based upon changing public health circumstances.

(see graphic below)
LEARNING MODELS

SPSD All- IN Learning Model

PHASE 5 & 6
This learning model returns all students to the classroom in a traditional way (5 days a week) with minimal required safety protocols.

ALL-IN: Our All-In Learning Model will be implemented when Saginaw County is in Phase 5-6 of the MI Safe Start Plan. At this phase, 100% of students will return full day, every day, with safety protocols in place.

SPSD Hybrid Model

PHASE 4
This Three-Day/Two-Day Rotation Blended Learning Model provides in-person, face-to-face instruction Monday/Wednesday (Group A) and Tuesday/Thursday (Group B) with each group alternating every Friday. The remote learning component will involve an interactive, rigorous, structured academic program aligned to grade level proficiencies.

HYBRID MODEL: Our Hybrid model will be implemented when Saginaw County is in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan. At this phase, 50% of the students will attend full day, every other day (M/W) or (T/R) alternating on Fridays. At this phase, safety protocols include spacing to promote social distancing 3-6 feet, with other safety protocols in place.

SPSD Virtual Academy

VIRTUAL ACADEMY
SPSD Virtual Academy is designed to offer 100% remote instruction for students in grades K-12. Students will have access to standards-aligned online curriculum and instruction that promote student engagement, differentiation, academic rigor and accountability. SPSD teachers will monitor progress and provide support for each course.

SPSD Virtual Academy: This option is for families who do not feel comfortable sending their students to school in Phase 4, commit to the full semester of online coursework. These students will not return to the building at all during the semester of the 2020-21 school year. These students will also not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular programming. Priority will be given to students with documented health risks.
SPSD HYBRID PHASE 4 BLENDED LEARNING MODEL [AT-A-GLANCE]

The SPSD HYBRID Phase 4 Blended Model includes:

⇒ **Half of our students** will attend two designated days and every other Friday for in-person instruction. This model supports deeper learning, extended time to complete projects and homework, and less students in the building to comply with required safety protocols.

⇒ **Hybrid Phase 4 Model will be evaluated every 4 weeks to determine when all students within this model return to school in a traditional setting, based on Covid-19 and the Governors’ Phases for Returning to Learn.**

⇒ **Staff, Students and Parents will be surveyed within the four weeks for feedback on the hybrid model.**

Example of Hybrid Phase 4 Blended Model Schedule (Pre-K/Elementary/Middle/High School)

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**Group A: Attend Friday 1st & 3rd Friday of the month**

**Group B: Attend Friday 2nd & 4th Friday of the month**

**Pre-K will not attend on Fridays**

VIRTUAL ACADEMY [AT-A-GLANCE]

Realizing that some parents may not want to have their child return to school in the fall because of the risks posed by the COVID-19 virus, our reopening plan includes a full-time at-home Virtual Academy to meet their needs.

The SPSD Virtual Academy will allow students to continue their education at home using a curriculum that can be accessed fully online. Students using this option remain a Saginaw Public Schools Student. **However, students will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities. Priority will be given to those students with documented health risks.** While this is a self-guided platform, courses will be monitored by SPSD teachers to assure progress and completion. Attendance, student engagement with their prescribed curriculum, and academic progress will be assessed, and students will receive letter grades. In addition to the access to prescribed curriculum, which can be accessed anytime, students and parents will receive support from Saginaw Public School Highly Qualified Teachers.

*Enrollment in this option is required. Families must commit to a semester of online learning. Parents and students can return to in person schooling at the end of the first semester if circumstances change and they want to return. Students will be provided a school district Chromebook to use to access classes. Internet Access at home is needed.

Special Education and Intervention Services

The provision of special education services in a remote environment is very challenging. Students who need special education and intervention services are strongly discouraged from choosing SPSD Virtual Academy. In the event that students in need of special education services or intervention services choose to enroll in SPSD Virtual Academy, team meetings will be held to further discuss service delivery.

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**Safety Protocols**

- Staff/Student Health & Safety
  - Staff (A-E) wear mask except during meals
  - Students 6-12 wear mask except during meals
  - Clear Face Coverings provided to Pre-K-5
  - Facial Coverings worn in hallways and common areas by all staff/students
  - Every classroom supplied with hand sanitizer
  - Multiple entry and exit points
  - Social Distancing 3-6 feet when feasible
  - Student transitions modified (teachers move from room to room when possible)
  - Students scheduled in teams/cohorts
  - Locker usage limited or eliminated
  - Water fountain turned off. Water bottle filling stations installed.
  - Google classroom used to eliminate COVID contact on paper and textbooks
  - Staff screening protocols in place when necessary
  - Temperature monitoring
  - Suspension of all rides from school stores, bake sales, concessions, vending machines phases 1-5.
  - No public audiences, field trips, assemblies or rehearsals phases 1-5
  - Each hallway will have designated, isolated quarantine room with necessary PPE
  - No mass gatherings (Homecoming, Dance, etc.)

- Transportation
  - All buses will be supplied with hand sanitizer to be used getting on and off the bus
  - All riders are required to have a mask on and must remain on until departing the bus
  - Face masks will be available at the entrance of the bus
  - Second Student will utilize the ZANUD 2-71 technology to disinfect all buses which is 95.5% effective against COVID-19 for up to 70 days
  - Driver will disinfect frequently touched surfaces after each route
  - Driver/Monitor will disinfect all equipment after each route i.e. cars, seats and wheelchairs
  - If student becomes sick at school with COVID-19, they will not be allowed to utilize Transportation for 14 days
  - All vehicles will remain open during routes service as well as time between routes - weather permitting
  - On those buses with specialized transportation and equipment needs, bus aides or drivers will wipe down the equipment upon return to the bus. This will be noted in the cleaning log.

- Food Service
  - Pre-packaged, grab and go, or bagged meals may help speed up serving
  - Breakfast in the classroom
  - Lunch in the classroom
  - Elimination of student self-service stations. No buffets, all food individually packaged.
  - Eliminating a la carte for Elementary students to increase speed of service. Limit options at secondary schools to increase speed of service and reduce cash exchanges.
  - Meal Delivery schedule for classrooms and those not in session
  - Removal of food plans for those with allergies

- Cleaning Protocol
  - Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, will undergo cleaning with either an EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution
  - Student desks will be wiped down with either an EPA approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution after every class period when students change classes.
  - All classrooms will have the appropriate EPA-approved Disinfectant in their rooms.
  - Classrooms will undergo deep cleaning daily

- In the Classroom
  - Breakfast in the classroom
  - Lunch in the Classroom
  - Desk shields
  - Hand Sanitizer Stations
  - Classroom desks assigned to each student
  - Google classroom and Google Meet to eliminate use of paper and textbooks and deliver instruction
  - PE outside weather permitting with social distancing. Masked weather days. SPF curriculum
  - Band, Peters Keyboard, Choir will go to Music Theory/Appreciation
  - Media Center to complete check out forms 1-4. Library comes to class on cart.
  - The arts and other hands on classrooms undergo cleaning after every period
  - Additional lunch and non-essential items will be moved out of classrooms to ensure proper distancing. Items such as couches, reading areas, aquariums, trees/plants and items from home will be removed from the classrooms during Phases 1-4
  - Staff will clean and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and on the safe use of hand sanitizer

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**Athletics**

The district plan will comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).