



# 2020-21 Return to School Operational Guidelines

Students in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) will begin the 2020-21 school year on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

## Academic Models

Students will have the option of in-person/blended learning, online eLearning, or homeschool. Families can choose the model that best meets their student's needs. All models will provide students a robust learning experience and will be graded.

Students will be placed in the in-person/blended learning option by default.

## Face Masks

The use of face masks is required for everyone in school or district buildings over the age of two, who can safely wear a face mask per CDC guidance.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

Regular cleaning will occur on buses, in schools, and at administrative offices. Classrooms will be cleaned daily.

## Social Distancing

Social distancing of 6 feet should be observed in all district classrooms and buildings.

## Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be available in all schools. Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing will occur throughout the school day.

## Transportation

Students will need to register online ([k12northstar.org/transportation](http://k12northstar.org/transportation)) in order to ride the bus. Face masks must be worn on all buses, and routes will have assigned seating. Schools will be prepared for more student drop-offs and pick-ups.

## Meals and Water Breaks

During meal breaks social distancing and cleaning protocols will be followed. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles.

## Classrooms

Desks will be distanced 6 feet apart. Classrooms will be cleaned daily, including high-traffic surfaces. Sharing of classroom materials will be limited and disinfected between uses.

## Parent Requirements

Parents must ensure the daily health of their students. Children showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms or a fever (100°F or higher) must stay home and cannot be sent to school.

## Student/Staff Health and Safety

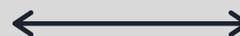
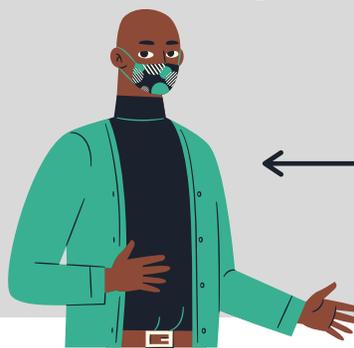
Nurses will screen students if they begin showing COVID-19 symptoms during the school day. Proper isolation protocols will be followed in the event of positive cases in schools or district buildings. Isolation rooms have been identified in schools and district buildings.

## School Visitors

Visitors will be limited to approved school/district staff and vendors necessary for school services. Parents and guardians will be limited to the school office. Social distancing and masks will be required.

## Student Services

Students receiving special education, English as a second language, extended learning, and similar services will continue to get those services in both face-to-face and remote models of learning.





# 2020-21 Return to School Changes to Expect

Things will be different for the 2020-21 school year. Here are some changes to expect.

## Class Changes

Staff and students will be required to wear face masks.

School spaces will be used differently to ensure social distancing.

The schedules of PE, choir, band, orchestra, and other large classes will be reorganized to allow social distancing.

## Technology

Shared technology devices will be disinfected between each use.

FNSBSD is committed to providing students with a digital device to assist their learning.

Students can request a district device if they do not have access to one at home.

## Physical Education

- Contact activities will be prohibited.
- Activities will include: running, yoga, jump roping, etc.
- Equipment will be cleaned following recommended health protocols.
- Additional social distancing guidelines will be followed.

## Outdoor Movement Break (replaces recess)

- Playground equipment will not be used.
- Social distancing and cohort/pod guidelines will be followed.
- Recess periods will be staggered to reduce the number of students on the playground(s).

## School Buses

- Students will need to register to ride the bus.
- Face masks will be required.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Social distancing will be followed; household members can share seats.
- Buses will be disinfected after each route.

## Extracurriculars

- School dances, assemblies, and other large gatherings are cancelled for fall.
- Out-of-state travel is cancelled for fall semester.
- Sports programs will follow guidelines set by the Alaska State Activity Association (ASAA).