

As required by Federal Law, American Rescue Plan Safe Return, USD 342 is required to post our reopening plan by June 22, 2021. This is a working document that will be revised and updated on the district website when necessary.

USD #342, McLouth, is proud to have been in in-person learning throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

The Kansas legislature ended the governor's emergency declaration on 6-15-2021. In accordance with the KS Legislative directive, CDC and KDHE guidelines are no longer in force. Any guidance now comes from the county health department.

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

USD #342 highly recommends the usage of masks..

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

USD #342 plans to return to customary practices of placing students in classes, lunchroom assignments, and movements throughout the building during the day.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

USD #342 highly encourages handwashing, sanitizing, and respiratory etiquette. Hand sanitizer will be made available.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

USD #342 is committed to maintaining healthy facilities. USD #342 will continue to thoroughly clean all facilities on a regular basis using approved cleaning solutions and disinfectants. PlasmaAir needlepoint bipolar ionization devices have been installed in classrooms to improve air quality. Ventilation systems are monitored for proper function.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

USD #342 will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Jefferson County Health Department and the Kansas State Health Department as the situations dictate.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

USD #342 will provide the opportunity for testing of staff and students who are considered close contacts of a COVID positive individual. This is a voluntary program and students or staff must opt-in to participate. In addition, USD #342 will continue to work with the Jefferson County Health Department, Oskaloosa, 785-403-0025, for diagnostic and screening tests.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

USD #342, in coordination with the Jefferson County Health Department, provided all school staff members the opportunity for vaccinations. USD #342 will continue to partner with the Jefferson County Health Department to ensure that convenient safe and accessible locations are available for all patrons.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

Accommodations will be provided consistent with IEP team decisions based on the individual need of each student in the context in which they are served. Appropriate accommodations consistent with state and federal law will be applied to ensure access for all students.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

USD #342 will continue to coordinate with State and Local Health Officials.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) services to address students' academic needs

Accommodations will be provided consistent with IEP team decisions based on the individual need of each student in the context in which they are served. Appropriate accommodations consistent with state and federal law will be applied to ensure access for all students.

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

All students will have access to counselors and social workers to accommodate the needs of each student. Staff will continue to be trained and made aware of the latest research in social, emotional, and mental health and how to best help students in need.

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

USD #342's school counselors, nurse, school psychologist, and social worker make up our district mental health team to assist students and teachers with emotional, mental, and physical needs as would be appropriate.

The Federal School Nutrition Program will continue to provide free breakfasts and lunches for the 2021-2022 school year.