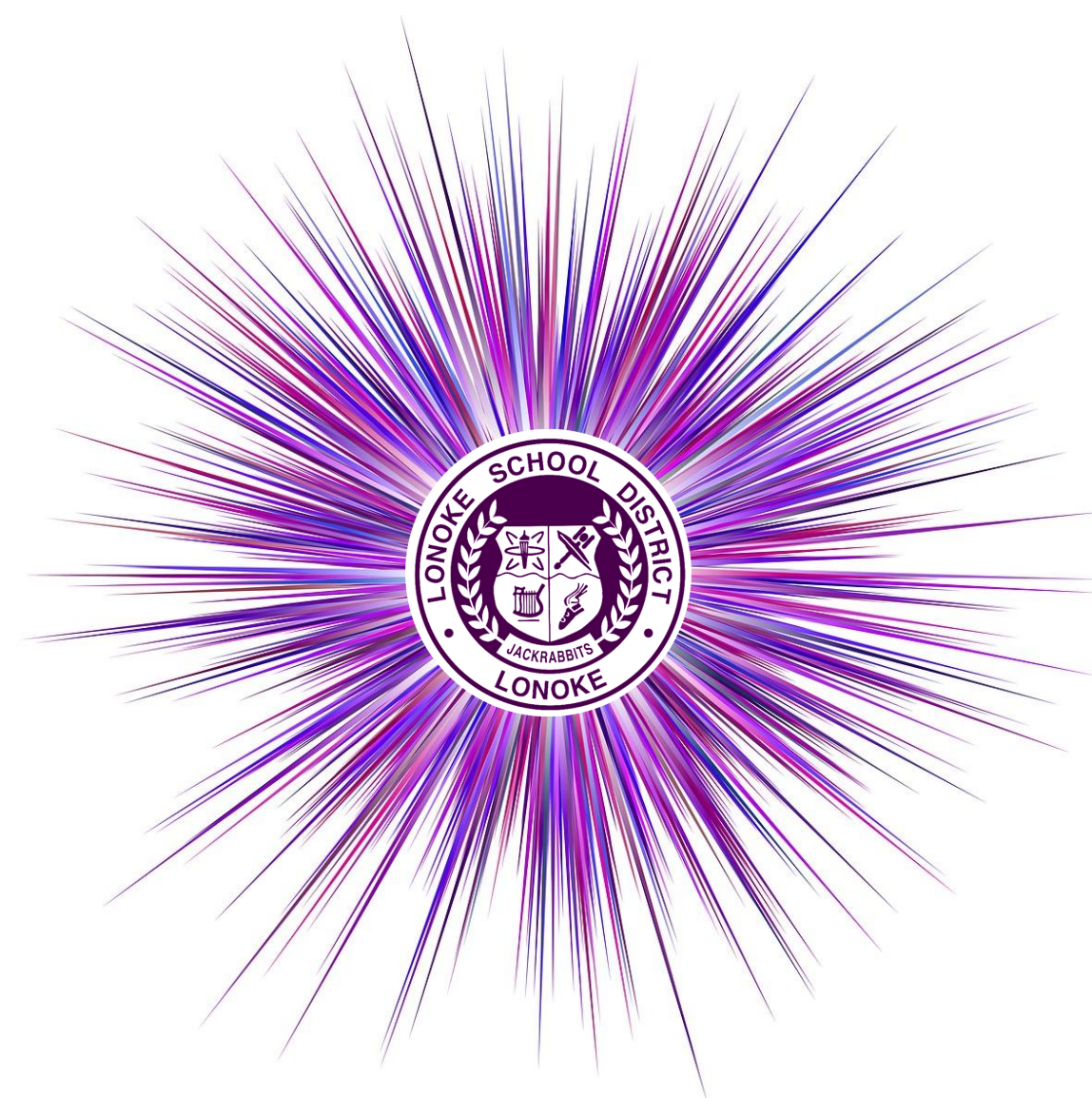


# Ready for Learning Plan 2021-2022

(Revised 4/12/22)



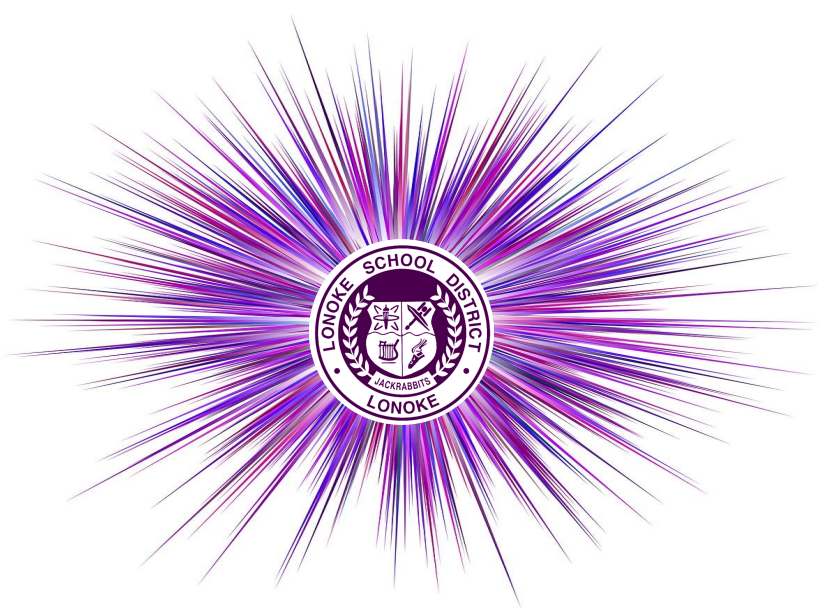
Parents and Students,

To ensure the best learning experiences for all of our students, we have listened to stakeholders and taken into account their suggestions and concerns. The District has conducted meetings with district administrators and has asked for and received input from our community Ready for Learning Team in order to map out the most effective strategies for the remaining 2021-2022 school year. We are currently working on a Ready for Learning continuity plan that will meet the learning needs of all Lonoke Public School District students and that is aligned with recommendations from the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Arkansas Department of Health. Experience and data have shown that students benefit most from in-person learning, and our highest priority is to return to traditional, on-site teaching and learning in the safest manner possible. We are excited to say that we are at zero positive covid cases in the district and have returned to traditional on-site teaching and learning. However, we do have to plan for possible future COVID-19 outbreaks. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will still be encouraged for students and staff to control the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and to ensure containment if positive cases are identified. Additionally, we will continue to ensure deep cleaning is being performed on a regular basis. We have made upgrades to our transportation equipment and all buildings in LPSD are equipped with HEPA filters to provide cleaner air and reduce the risk of virus transmission. The safety and well being of students, parents, visitors, and staff are our highest priorities!

We have had a great school year thus far and look forward to our continuing educational journey!  
Thanks for choosing Lonoke!

Jeff Senn, Superintendent

Melissa Edwards, Curriculum Director



# General Information

The information provided in this document is an overview of our continuity plan and will be updated periodically to reflect the most current information available to assist you in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. Your child's school will provide more details to assist you in planning:

## **Response to the Pandemic**

We have an exceptional healthcare team in the Lonoke Public School District, including our own highly qualified school nurses and board-certified, Baptist Health physicians. Our district houses Baptist Health Pediatric and Family Medicine physicians and is the site for the Baptist Health Family Medicine Residency Program, located in our new medical facility at 757 SE Front Street. Be sure to check-out this new facility, which is designed to provide for the complete healthcare needs of students, staff, and community members in our region. If you would like to be seen or your child to be seen please sign up for MyChart at <https://mychart.baptist-health.org>

This continuity plan reflects the most current information available as well as guidance we've received from our healthcare team. Contact the District office or school administrators if you have any questions or concerns.

[LPSD Student COVID-19 Protocol](#)

[LPSD Staff COVID-19 Protocol](#)

## **Differences for the remaining of the 2021-2022 school year**

The Lonoke School district has made onsite, face-to-face instruction a priority, and we hope that all students plan to attend school on our campuses this school year so they enjoy and benefit from the full-range of critical academic and social activities that we provide in the school district. COVID-19 prevention strategies will continue to be an important part of our school year, as we continue the work to monitor and respond to information we receive.

As vaccination is currently the leading COVID-19 prevention strategy, we encourage all persons, who qualify, to get vaccinated in order for students to safely return to in-person learning. We will continue to encourage a layered approach to prevention, including hand-washing, social distancing when feasible, and mask wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated.

Quarantine protocols are still required for identified close contacts, see protocols above.

### **Here is what you can expect at LPSD if our numbers rise to 50 or above:**

☐ **Temperature Screening:** It's recommended that parents/guardians check their child's temperature each day before school. If he/she has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, he/she needs to stay home. Teachers and staff will also screen themselves and not come to school if they are experiencing symptoms. Once a child arrives at a school campus, their temperature will be checked again. If they have a temperature (100.4 degrees or higher), they will be sent to the nurse, and a parent/guardian will be contacted for pickup.

**Face Coverings:** After Consultation with local medical professionals and District counsel and in consideration of the the current stakeholder survey, the Lonoke School District's policy concerning masks is as follows:



-Should the COVID-19 positive cases and/or quarantined cases meet or exceed 50 people enrolled in or employed by LPSD, including outsourced employees, the district will implement a mask requirement for all school employees and students for no less than 5 business days. Furthermore, the mask requirement will remain in place until the positive cases and/or quarantined cases decrease below 50 people in the Lonoke School District.

- Masks shall be properly worn by all school district employees, students and visitors while inside any school district building, bus, van or other vehicle. Properly wearing a mask for purposes of this policy means covering the mouth and nose with a mask at all times, except while eating, drinking, or taking medication.

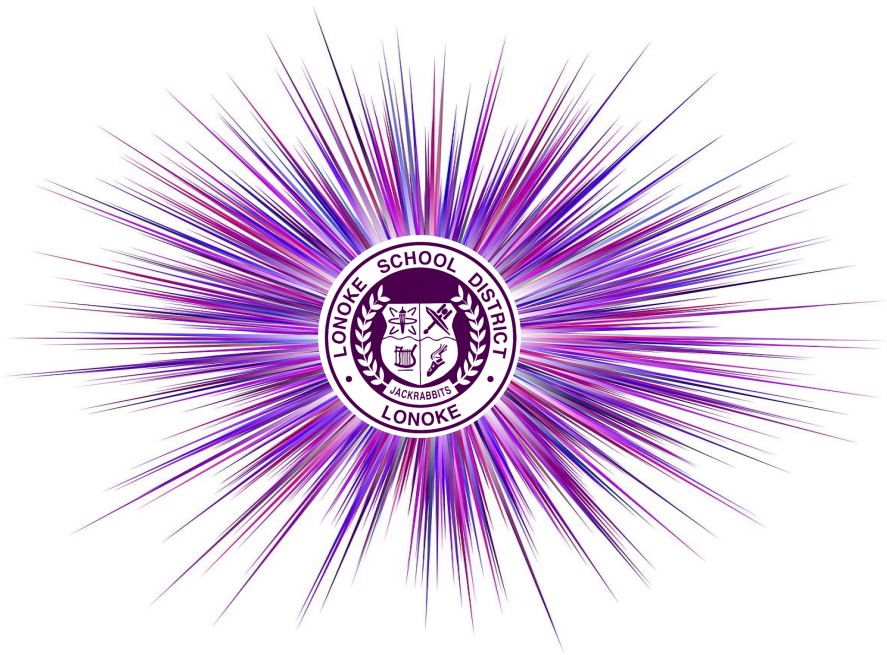
-District administration shall promptly provide notification to all employees, students and parents/guardians of students, that the mask requirement is in effect or being discontinued.

☐ **Social Distancing:** We will encourage social distancing of three (3) feet within classrooms and other areas, when and where possible, to limit possible exposure or transmission.

☐ **Hand sanitizing and respiratory etiquette:** All students and staff will be asked to practice frequent hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer. Please cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow to protect others.

☐ **Ventilation:** We have upgraded HVAC filter systems in classrooms with HEPA filters and added buses to our fleet that have air conditioning systems with appropriate filters.

☐ **Contact Tracing:** Our nurses will continue with contact tracing when a student or staff member tests positive for the virus.



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## Procedures

### **Here is what you can expect at LPSD if our numbers rise to 50 or above:**

All buildings will provide temperature screening for all visitors upon entering any facility. You may only enter buildings at designated entry points.

All students, staff, and visitors will be asked to wear face coverings. All students, staff, and guests are asked to practice good hand hygiene and social distance, when feasible. Throughout the rest of the school year, staff members will emphasize the importance of good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Hand sanitizer should be used frequently throughout the day, and all persons are expected to wash hands to ensure a clean and safe learning environment.

If a student presents symptoms, he/she is expected to go directly to the school nurse for further evaluation. If a student is found to be positive for COVID-19, school health officials will follow guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), which will include contact tracing to identify any others who may have been exposed to the virus.

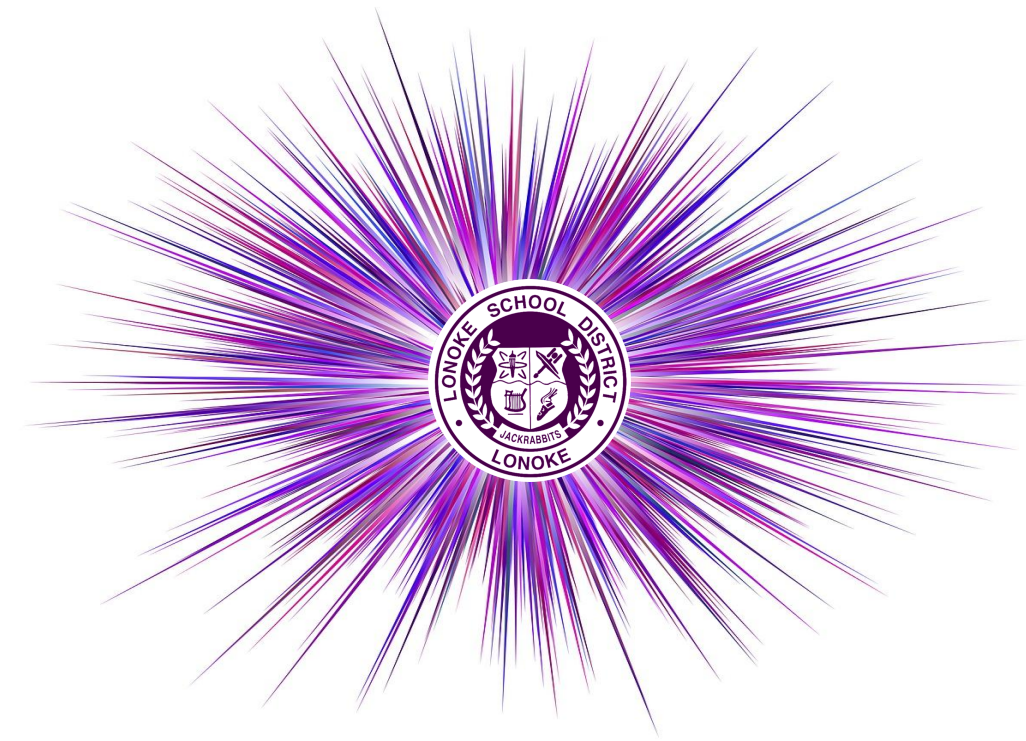
All buildings will be deep cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. Leah Robinson (head nurse and P.O.C.), in consultation with our School-Based Health Clinic team, and the Arkansas Department of Health will guide district decisions related to COVID-19.

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# Teaching and Learning

The Lonoke Public School District is student-focused and offers a full range of learning opportunities to best meet the learning needs of all students. While we offer a variety of programming options to address student learning styles, we strongly encourage on-site learning to ensure the most beneficial learning experiences. Please consider the following options as you plan your educational journey:

## Traditional Programming

Our traditional classes are what most parents have experienced in education. Class times are fixed, and lessons are organized in a whole group format, with some small group and individualized instruction. Pacing is designed to move all students in a grade level or subject at the same pace. This type of learning has proven to be very effective for students who thrive in traditional structures with clear deadlines and less flexibility. Many students in this option will be exposed to Honors and AP courses that will better prepare them for post-secondary academic experiences.

## Envision

All four schools have been approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as Schools of Innovation, which allows them to offer more flexibility for student pacing, learning pathways, time for skill mastery, and optimization of learning places. Students in this programming option will be prepared for a variety of career pathways and will be given multiple opportunities for career training, concurrent college credit, and preparation for life after high school. Learning experiences are more personalized, which includes specific mentoring and support protocols along the way. Mini-lessons and blended approaches to teaching and learning are used to support the specific learning needs of each student. Envision will look progressively different as students move through different grades and schools in our District.

## Virtual

Parents and students who request this option will be exposed to Learning Management Systems or Platforms that support student learning. There are two different approaches that the District offers in this programming option:

- ☐ **Digital Learning Academy (Public School Students Off-Campus):** This approach allows students and parents to choose an online provider, and receive instruction from teachers who work for the provider, such as Lincoln Learning. Students will have access to live lessons from the provider, but not from LPSD teachers or

staff. Students in this option are able to participate in all school functions. These students will receive off-campus learning.

- ☐ **School of Innovation/Envision:** This approach allows the students in Grades 6-12, who are in LMS’s School of Innovation and LHS’s ENVISION to have access to Onfire, our digital learning management system. This will be the learning platform upon which all curricula and essential learning in those grades is/will be built to support learning. Teachers have flexibility to manipulate the curriculum within the platform to personalize units and lessons to meet students’ needs. Students in this option are able to attend classes for electives and participate in school functions.

**AMI**

In the event of school closure (weather, illness, etc.), the District will offer traditional AMI packetts and/or virtual options for continuous learning. Learning during those circumstances will look like the following:

- ☐ K-8 students will receive instruction through Google Classroom. Teachers will utilize the platform to provide blended learning opportunities, such as launching videos of live lessons, creating and administering assessments, and providing opportunities for student practice and teacher feedback.
- ☐ Students in Grades 6-12 who are not in the School of Innovation/Envision will receive instruction through Google Classroom. Teachers will utilize the platform to provide blended learning opportunities, such as launching videos of live lessons, creating and administering assessments, and providing opportunities for practice and timely feedback from the teacher.

**If schools have to pivot to virtual learning for any number of days, teaching and learning will continue just as it did in previous years during AMI days. All District students will be provided Chromebooks for remote learning.**

*“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.” ~ Nelson Mandela*

