

Valley Springs School District

2020-2021 District Support Plan

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ARKANSAS READY FOR LEARNING PLAN:

Ready for Learning Expectations		District Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the continuity of teaching and learning by providing: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a guaranteed and viable curriculum that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> blended learning (K-12) 	Arkansas State Standards, Essential Skills
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> diagnostic assessments (K-8) 	On-site instruction combined with face-to-face instruction in a classroom and interaction with teachers, content, assignments, and assessments in Canvas; Virtual Valley, Lincoln Learning, Google Classroom (teacher created materials)
		STAR 360, STAR CBM, PAST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify how to address unfinished learning from the prior year by using: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arkansas Playbook: Planning for Re-engagement 	Star Screener, Information from previous years teachers, Grade-level PLC meetings, Response to Intervention Teams, Utilizing the data from the above diagnostic assessments, local formative assessments, reading screeners that align with the Science of Reading
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> district-developed resources 	Canvas, Essential Standards identified, common formative assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize a Learning Management System 		Canvas LMS (integrates with Google Classroom, Lincoln Learning, Seesaw, Zearn, and several other digital learning platforms)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule teacher training for how to use the LMS 		OUR Coop, Kevin Kaeser, Online and On-Demand Training, Team Digital training, Onsite Canvas trainer for 2 days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction) 		Teacher training at back to school In-service, OUR Co-op sessions, Team Digital Training, ADE Summit (June 15-19), The IDEAS Portal, Bloomboard, Arkansas Digital Sandbox
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide support for parents and students Parent Page on DESE Website 		Academic Support: If possible, host a parent/student orientation event. Families who are unable or uncomfortable attending a face-to-face event will have the option to participate via a digital format. Special Populations will be continually supported through implementation of their collaboratively developed

	<p>individual plans. Teachers will be in consistent contact with families to ensure continuity of services.</p> <p>Social/Emotional Support: PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentive System), School Counselors will provide social emotional support. Project Aware and Burrell Health will provide school based mental health counseling services.</p> <p>Physical Support: The community of Valley Springs and Boone County provides a number of community resources for those in need. A running list will be made available to parents in each buildings’ informational packet and in our COVID information link on the district webpage. Support and resources for students experiencing homelessness will be provided through the counselors’ offices at each school. Counselors will utilize homeless set aside funds and community partnerships to support student needs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a communication plan for interacting with parents, students, and the community 	<p>Communication will occur regularly and promptly at the district and building levels. Various methods of communication will be used: Remind101, Class DoJo, Social Media, Zoom/Google Meet, Canvas (LMS), email, phone calls, district text alert system, in-person conference by appointment with health and safety guidelines in place;</p> <p>Initial communication regarding the Ready For Learning Plan will occur in three phases so as not to overwhelm families and the community with too much information at once.</p>
<p>Revised School Calendar</p>	<p>Board approved July 20, 2020</p>
<p>Facial Coverings</p>	<p>All VSSD staff and students grades 4-12 are required to wear a facial covering. Students K-3 are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering.</p> <p>Face coverings are NOT required at meal time or anytime that students and staff are ABLE TO PROPERLY SOCIAL DISTANCE.</p> <p>Masks will be provided for students & staff. However, school appropriate face coverings from home are acceptable.</p> <p>Students will wear a mask on the bus at all times</p>
<p>Student Access to Connectivity</p>	<p>Students will be provided with the following for blended and virtual learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chromebook and Charger K-12 - iPads will be available for students with special needs in which this is more appropriate. - A tech support email address has been set up for families to reach the Technology Department directly for LMS and device help. <p>Families who do not have adequate internet access to support virtual learning will have access to the</p>

	<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District Wi-Fi accessible in the cafeteria parking lot. - (A list of free access locations in Valley Springs will be provided as a resource to parents.) - 45 Hotspots were purchased from 3 different vendors
Continuity of Operations	Administrators, essential office workers and members of the technology department will social distance at all times to prevent a whole department from being compromised/quarantined. We have also appointed a point of contact and assistant point of contact.
Substitutes	Provided by ESS (formerly SubTeach)

The following waivers were requested through submission of the Assurance and Application for Arkansas Ready for Learning:

[See Table 1](#) for explanation of waivers with text of statutes, rules, and standards for accreditation.

Waivers	Explanation for waivers the district chooses to use. For any left blank, the district has chosen not to use.
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-117 (Non Instructional duties - only for the purpose of implementing ADH requirements and guidelines regarding health and safety)	At various times throughout the school year, teachers will be required to have more than 60 minutes per week, without additional compensation to implement ADH requirements or guidelines.
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-204(b) (Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-205(b)(2) (Teacher contracts - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2304(b) (Classified employee policies - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-2305(c)(2) (Classified employee policies - only for the purpose of adopting model policies necessary to implement the Arkansas Ready for Learning Model)	

The following waivers apply only on days, or portions of days, when technology-based approaches are the primary instructional delivery, for specific groups of students that are receiving their instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or for staff providing instruction primarily through technology-based approaches, or if necessary to implement ADH requirements or guidelines:

Waivers	For the waivers you choose to use, explain what that looks like in the district.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark. Code Ann. 6-16-102(a)(1) through (a)(5)(E)(i)(b), and (c) (School Day) • Standard for Accreditation 1-A.4.2 and 1-A.4.3 (School Day) 	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-111(a) (Duty-free lunch)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-114 (Planning time)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-211 (Employee leave)	
Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-812(a)(2) (Class size)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load, Sec. 3.00 and 4.01 through 4.03 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding, Sec. 4.03.2 through 4.03.2.2.1 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools, Sec. 7.10.1 and 7.10.2 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard for Accreditation 1-A.5 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Waiver of Quarterly Attendance Reporting Ark. Code Ann 6-18-213(b)(1) 	When the start of school date was pushed back, we had to adjust our quarterly numbers.