

# **Yellowstone Academy Back to School Safety Plan**

## **SAFETY MEASURES**

The district is taking the following measures to safely provide in-person instruction, including consideration of guidance by national, state, and local governing agencies and local health officials as follows:

### **Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks**

Yellowstone Academy removed the mask mandate on June 30, 2021. Masks are still highly recommended for all individuals.

The Superintendent will continue to monitor national, state, and local government and health agency mandates and report to the Board. The Superintendent will also continue to monitor alerts from the county health department and make day-to-day mask determinations regarding requirements for personal protective equipment. Should the Superintendent make an emergency decision regarding masking, the Board will conduct an emergency meeting as per Board Policy 1400.

The district will continue to train students and staff in the proper wearing of personal protective equipment and post signage outlining the proper wearing of personal protective equipment.

### **Physical Distancing**

For the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 school years, additional instructional staff have been hired to implement academic recovery programming and further reduce class sizes.

## **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette are taught to students with high emphasis in primary grade levels. Signage is posted throughout buildings as reminders of handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

In addition, hand sanitization stations/liquids are available in all classrooms.

## **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities**

Custodial staff have been reassigned to daytime shifts to continually clean high traffic and high contact surfaces. The district uses cleaning solutions that are rated to kill the SARS virus. In addition to daily cleaning, all rooms are fogged with Virex 2, and BNC-15 disinfected at the end of the day once buildings are empty.

## **Contact Tracing**

The district requested that all staff self-report any close contact they may have been exposed to within 24 hours. Staff that have been in contact are expected to be tested and results given to administration as soon as possible. If staff are feeling ill, they are asked to stay home until symptom free for no less than 12 hours.

## **Diagnostic and Screening Testing**

Yellowstone Academy does not conduct COVID-19 diagnostic or screening tests. Staff self-monitor for symptoms and refer students and staff to medical services as appropriate.

## **Vaccinations**

The district will act in accordance with national, state, and local governing agencies' law with respect to vaccinations for its staff and eligible students.

The district will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's vaccination status.

### **Accommodating Students with Disabilities**

The district will provide accommodations to its policies for students with disabilities as determined appropriate based upon the individual student needs and in accordance with an individual accommodation plan or individualized education plan. Parents/guardians or students requiring accommodation should contact the building administrator to request information on plans for students with disabilities.

### **CONTINUITY OF SERVICES**

The district will provide for continuity of services as follows:

#### **Student Academic Needs**

Yellowstone Academy has implemented a summer school program to assist all K-12 students with academic recovery. The district plans to continue full time, in-person instruction beginning the fall of 2021 with limited exception. Additional instructional personnel have been added to staffing to implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas.

### **Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**

Yellowstone Academy is a therapeutic Day School/Treatment Center for students. All students have mental health staff assigned to assist with mental health and our students' social/emotional learning needs.

### **Other Student Needs** (which may include student health and food services)

The food service will continue to provide meals (breakfast and lunch) daily at no cost to families. Yellowstone Academy has a backpack meal program to send food items home to meet the needs of our families.

### **Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**

Social, emotional, and mental health needs of staff may also be addressed through the Employee Assistance Program provided through the district insurance program.

### **Other Staff Needs**

The district will follow national, state, and local governing agencies' laws and directives in relation to staff employment and benefits.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

This plan will be open for public comment/discussion as noticed for the October 20th, 2021, Board of Trustee meeting. In addition, a draft of the plan will be available in the District Office and posted for fourteen days (14) on the school website for public input.

The district will review this Plan at least once every six months and provide an opportunity for public input in association with any review of the Plan.