

GENERAL re-Launch Plan

Dodgeville School District's goal for the 2020-2021 school year is to provide in-person instruction for our students as much as possible, while still providing a safe learning environment. While the district is preparing for three possible options for the new school year - in-school, virtual, and a blended option that brings students to school with restrictions, we have received board approval to move forward with a plan that will allow our students to return to school full-time with additional safety precautions in place.

How did we develop our plan?

The plan is based on three very important sources of information and represents a sincere and genuine attempt to create options that can work for everyone.

These sources include:

- **Survey Information** - More than 600 parents, students, and staff members completed a survey last month designed to provide our Taskforce with the information they need to ensure that all stakeholder voices are taken into account.
- **Guidelines and Best Practices** - Our Taskforce drew from a multitude of sources, including the DPI Education Plan, weekly meetings with Iowa County health officials and local school districts, as well as recommendations from the State Department of Health, CDC, and plans already developed by other schools and states.
- **Taskforce Recommendations** - Finally, the plan was based on the knowledge and experience of those who were part of our Taskforce Subcommittees.

These subcommittees included:

- Communications
- Extracurricular
- Facilities & Safety
- Food Service
- Social Emotional
- Learning & Technology
- Special Education
- Transportation
- Human Resources

Using community survey data, staff input, and guidelines from local, state, and federal agencies, our Taskforce subcommittees determined three top priorities:



Maintaining the health and safety of our students and staff

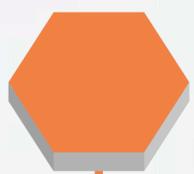


Providing a pathway for students to return to our buildings to resume their education

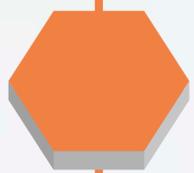


We want to provide our families a choice when it comes to their child's education

TIMELINE:



July 13, 2020
School Board approves General Re-Launch Plan



July 15, 2020
General Re-Launch Plan sent to DSD families



July 17, 2020
General Re-Launch Plan survey sent to DSD families



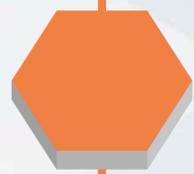
July 20, 2020
Families can submit questions or concerns



July 22, 2020
The General Re-Launch Plan survey closes



July 23, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 pm:
Our Administration will host a public Zoom meeting to answer all questions and comments submitted



July 24, 2020
A recording of the public Zoom meeting and a list of all questions and answers will be listed on our website



September 1, 2020
First day of school

Conditions surrounding the coronavirus pandemic are ever-changing. The Dodgeville School District's Re-Launch Plans for the 2020-2021 school year are fluid at this time and will be continually evaluated and updated in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. Our goal is to balance the educational needs of students with the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and our community.



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In-Person



ELP - 9th Grade:

Format: Brick & Mortar

Instruction: In-Person

ELP-3rd Grade (Location- DES)

4th-6th Grade (Location- DMS)

7th-9th Grade (Location- DHS)

In this model, ELP-9th graders would come to school each day. The grade levels would be divided to accommodate physical distancing.

Blended



10th - 12th Grade:

Format: Blended

Instruction: Asynchronous, Synchronous, and In-Person

In this model, students would receive their education both via virtual format including asynchronous (on their own time), synchronous (in real time) and in-person. The in-person instruction could come in the form of classes, labs, discussions, learning groups, etc. and could be offered at various times throughout the day.

Virtual



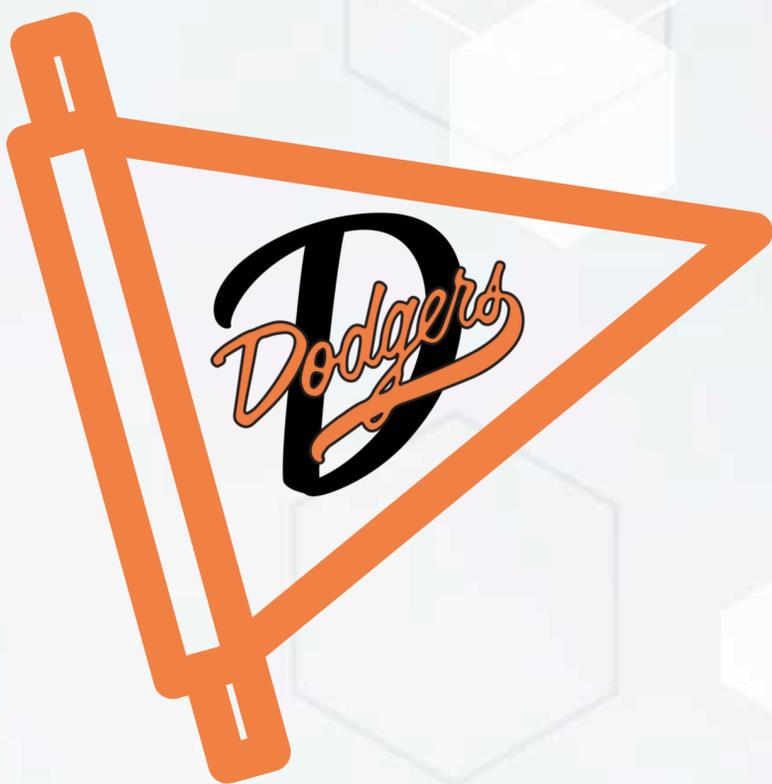
Your choice!

All parents have the choice to keep their child home! If you choose to do so, we will provide an alternative option that combines virtual synchronous and asynchronous learning.

The current version of this plan is a general framework that will be used by the principal and staff to develop a more detailed version designed for the students in their building. This will occur in the next month. A reminder to keep an eye out for updates as we may have to change the plan before school begins.

Parents have the right and responsibility to determine the learning environment that is best for their children. This plan gives parents several options. In the near future, you will be asked to complete a short survey about which option will work best for your child. By choosing an option now, you are NOT giving up your right to change your mind before school begins. On the other hand, the district must know who plans to send their child to school and who will prefer that they stay home. In order for us to make important decisions to manage the school, we need you to complete the survey. A link will be sent to parents on July 17.

The plan is not perfect. We understand that the different needs and opinions of parents and guardians and we realize what is offered as options may not be exactly the best option for everyone. However, at a time when the health and safety of students and staff are pitted against the need to get students back in school, we ALL must think of the common good. We must be ready and willing to sacrifice what is best for me for the good of everyone in our district.



We are living through a pandemic with many unknowns. While we have hope for brighter days ahead, the fact is that we are in a 'waiting game' and the situation is changing every day. We must be partners and work together in order to provide the best possible learning experience for the students and staff of Dodgeville School District, with health and safety being our top priority. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate this together.