



WESTERN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2022-2023

A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL OPEN AND PREVENT FUTURE COVID SHUTDOWNS

5 DAYS A WEEK

- School will be in session 5 days a week
- Western Gateway Elementary School (WGES) will not offer a virtual option for any grade level
- School start times will remain the same

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks are optional unless Oklahoma County is declared a state of emergency and in consultation with the county and state health departments
- If declared a state of emergency, WGES will determine if a mask mandate is necessary

COVID PRECAUTIONS AND CLEANING

- WGES will provide students and staff with personal hygiene education as a preventative measure
- Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged for use
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used in classrooms as needed, especially during flu season

COVID CASES & CONTACT TRACING

- WGES will track the number of positive COVID cases reported in the county
- Contact tracing will not take place unless directed by the county health department
- Vaccinations are encouraged but not required for those eligible
- COVID testing will be offered for employees and students as long as the demand for testing warrants keeping a testing site open

VIRTUAL MEETINGS & REMOTE LEARNING

- If school is closed due to COVID, inclement weather, or other extraordinary circumstances, virtual learning may be instituted
- Virtual parent / teacher conferences and IEP / 504 meetings will be offered to parents who cannot or choose not to attend in person

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Students will resume breakfast and lunch as they were prior to COVID
- Students will eat in the cafeteria
- Guests at lunch will be limited to special occasions set by the school

PARENT, GUESTS & VISITORS

- Visitors and guests will be allowed in the building for programs and other special events
- All visitors and guests must check in at the front office
- School community meetings and volunteers are welcomed in the building and on field trips

OTHER INFO

- Students with disabilities will be provided services based upon their IEP or 504 educational plan
- Field trips will be allowed based on the procedures that were in place pre-COVID
- Recesses will resume as they were prior to COVID
- YMCA will continue to provide before & after school services