

Spartanburg District Four Announcement
Regarding Instructional Model for Upcoming Weeks

Monday, November 16, 2020

This message is intended for students, parents, staff, and community of Spartanburg District Four.

Spartanburg School District Four began the 2020-21 school year operating on a hybrid instructional model (the A/B schedule). District Four's goal has always been to have all students return to full-time, face-to-face instruction as soon as we believe it is safe to do so. We would like to communicate our plans for the upcoming weeks.

Preschool & Kindergarten

On September 28, 2020, preschoolers and kindergartners returned to school full-time (five days per week) in a face-to-face model. The transition to face-to-face for that age group has been successful thus far. Therefore, the preschool and kindergarten full-time, face-to-face schedule will continue throughout the school year *unless health concerns necessitate the need for a change*.

1st Grade – 5th Grade

On Monday, October 19th, all 1st – 5th graders returned to school full-time (five days per week) in a face-to-face model. The 1st – 5th grade schedule of full-time, face-to-face instruction will continue throughout the school year *unless health concerns necessitate the need for a change*.

Wearing of Masks

Our mask requirements for students have been the same since the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Students are required to wear masks on buses, during entry into and dismissal from school, and while in common areas within the school, such as hallways, restrooms, etc.

Masks in PreK – 3rd Grade

Students in preschool through 3rd grade will be required to wear masks on buses, entry into school, dismissal from school, and in common areas, such as hallways, restrooms, etc. ***Students in grades PreK-3 will not be required to wear masks while in their classrooms.*** The family model will be utilized, so interactions among children from different classrooms will be limited.

Masks in 4th & 5th Grades

Based on information regarding children's susceptibility to COVID-19, 4th and 5th graders seem to have greater susceptibility to COVID-19 than younger children. Therefore, students in 4th and 5th grades will be required to wear masks on buses, entry into school, dismissal from school, and in common areas, such as hallways, restrooms, etc. ***Students in 4th and 5th grades will also be required to wear masks while in their classrooms.*** They will be provided with mask breaks when they are outside or in expansive spaces and able to maintain social distance. We will monitor any cases that occur in these grades and may lift the mask restrictions as soon as we believe it is safe to do so.

Grades 6 – 12

All students in grades 6 – 12 will continue with the hybrid model through Thursday, December 10th. They will continue to attend school full-day on Fridays, November 20th, December 4th, and December 11th. **During the week of December 14th-18th, ALL STUDENTS will be in school each day. Exams will be given December 15th-18th. ALL STUDENTS are expected to attend school the week of December 14th-December 18th each day unless they have been quarantined by the district office or have tested positive for COVID.**

Students are scheduled to return to school January 5th. At this time, Woodruff Middle School, Woodruff High School, and any Spartanburg Four students attending RD Anderson will be on a hybrid schedule the first week back from Christmas Holidays. "B" students will attend January 5th and January 7th. "A" students will attend January 6th and January 8th. It is our goal to return face to face with five days of instruction beginning January 11th. A final decision will be made closer to the date.

Continue to check our Facebook page and expect calls from the principals with updated information.

INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE for DEC. 2020 and JAN. 2021				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov 23 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Nov 24 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Nov 25 Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov 27 Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov 30 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 1 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 2 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 3 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 4 All Students attend
Dec 7 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 8 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 9 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 10 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Dec 11 All Students attend
Dec 14 All Students attend	Dec 15 All Students attend	Dec 16 All Students attend	Dec 17 All Students attend	Dec 18 All Students attend
Jan 4 Winter Holiday No School	Jan 5 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Jan 6 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Jan 7 B All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5	Jan 8 A All 3K, 4K, 5K All Grades 1-5

Masks in Grades 6 – 12

Students in grades 6 – 12 will be required to wear masks on buses, entry into school, dismissal from school, and in common areas, such as hallways, restrooms, etc. ***Students in 6th – 12th grades will also be required to wear masks while in their classrooms and unable to maintain social distance.*** They will be provided with mask breaks when they are outside or in expansive spaces and able to social distance.

It is our hope that this information will be helpful to you in planning your schedules. We are also hopeful that we can continue to provide a safe learning environment while bringing larger numbers of students into the schools five days per week with the understanding that we are not able to maintain social distancing. If circumstances should change that cause us to alter the schedules outlined above, we will notify you of any revisions. As always, we appreciate the support you have provided during these challenging times as we navigate the most effective ways to educate students while keeping them as safe as possible.

****If your child is currently on the virtual model, they may remain so until the end of the school year.***