



Ankeny Community Schools
Return to Learn Plan

AUGUST 2021 ADDENDUM

Ankeny Community Schools is committed to fulfilling its mission of preparing every learner for a lifetime of personal success. As we emerge from the pandemic, the district will remain united in our commitment, passion, and vision in order to support students, families, and our staff in pursuit of the mission.

State and Federal law require school districts to regularly review their Return to Learn plan. This addendum goes into effect upon board approval and is anticipated to continue through the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

At the current time, the Ankeny Community School District plans to operate under its normal, standard processes and procedures and will continue to follow all state and federal laws, including in-person learning for students and optional mask usage for all students, staff, and visitors. The Ankeny Community School District will follow policy and handbook language unless changes are directed by governmental authorities.

School bus drivers, monitors, and passengers are required to wear masks as defined by an Order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Ankeny Community School District will follow the [guidance](#) of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Education to respond to positive cases of COVID-19 for students and staff.

The Ankeny Community School District will continue to support the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors through the following mitigation practices:

- Increased circulation of outdoor air through the HVAC system
- MERV-13 filters in HVAC systems
- Encouragement of students and staff to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently
- Increased availability of hand sanitizer in common areas and classrooms
- Custodial cleaning practices will be focused on cleaning for health, which includes an emphasis on disinfecting surfaces where bacteria or viruses are most likely to be transmitted
- The district will work with Polk County Health Department and the Iowa Department of Public Health to have testing kits available in nurses' offices
- Working with local public health authorities to determine what additional measures may be warranted
- **PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

- Visitors and volunteers will not be allowed during the academic day in Pre-K through 5th grade buildings if the Level of Community Transmission for Polk County is Substantial or High according to the [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- School-wide assemblies will not be held if the Level of Community Transmission for Polk County is Substantial or High
- Students will sit with their class in assigned seats during lunch, physically distanced to the extent possible. Classes will be distanced from one another.

The Ankeny Community School District will ensure continuity of services for academics, social emotional health, mental health, and other needs, including through:

- A remote learning option for all students in grades K-5 and for students in grades 6-12 who have a documented underlying health condition or a household member who does
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports for learning
- School Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- An expanded partnership with Employee and Family Resources