



23-24

CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. SHANNON LAFARGUE

To our families, employees, and all other educational stakeholders,

It's time! As we begin another school year here in Calcasieu Parish, I find myself more excited for the first day of school than ever before.

Our faculty and staff have worked incredibly hard this summer to prepare for yet another year of success, and we are excited to welcome our students back to our classrooms. We are confident that this year will once again bring fantastic educational opportunities, various successes, and tremendous growth. The teachers in our district are truly second to none, and we are confident in their ability to teach and grow students each and every day.

To our families, we thank you for entrusting us with your children. It is our commitment to you that their safety will remain our top priority so they can thrive during this year of their educational journey. With the new safety and security measures enacted for the 23-24 school year, we are doing our very best to ensure that every student and employee feels safe when they arrive on our campuses. That is paramount.

We look forward to the time ahead and all that it brings, and we welcome you to celebrate successes alongside us as they occur throughout the year. Every single student enrolled in Calcasieu Parish matters tremendously to us, and we can't wait to see their smiling faces very soon.

Sincerely,



Shannon LaFargue, PhD

Superintendent

INTRODUCTION

For the fourth year in a row, the staff members of the Calcasieu Parish School Board have worked together to create a reopening plan to offer support and guidance to our families. As always, it is our goal to provide a safe and healthy school environment for our students and employees.

The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the several external organizations such as the Louisiana Department of Education, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and Louisiana Department of Health. **This plan is developed based on current guidelines and recommendations and is subject to change based on additional information from these organizations and/or BESE.**

VIRTUAL PROGRAM OPTIONS

Students requiring full-time virtual education options should contact the Hospital Homebound Office for more information. They can be contacted at 337-217-4000 ext. 3737.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance regulations will follow normal attendance requirements. Those can be viewed [here](#) in the Student Code of Conduct.

COMMUNICATION

As part of our commitment to families, the district is continuously striving to communicate with you in a convenient yet reliable way. We will be continuing to use Blackboard Communications (BBComms) this school year as our mass notification system. Text messaging will continue to be an important method of communication for the district. You can visit [Student Progress Center](#) to make any needed changes to your child's information, or you can do so directly at the school level.

We continue to strongly encourage families to access the most current information about school operations through the following channels:

- CPSB [website](#)
- CPSB social media platforms – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Individual school websites

CAFETERIA PROTOCOLS



All students on campus will be offered breakfast and lunch free of charge for the entire school year. School meals will follow all regulations and guidelines from USDA for nutrition content and food safety. Menus can be found on the [CPSB website](#) and social media platforms.

Cafeteria procedures for serving student meals will continue as normal with students eating in the cafeterias, common areas, and classrooms.

EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT SAFETY



STUDENT PROTOCOLS AND SCREENING OVERVIEW

Parents are encouraged to complete a health screening process at home before sending the student to school (see below for symptoms). The student should stay home if he/she is symptomatic, sick or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Symptoms that may require a student to stay home:

- Fever of listed temperature or greater:
 - Oral: 100.4 F
 - Forehead/Temporal (Infrared): 99.8 F
- Chills or rigors
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptomatic students will be isolated and supervised until the student is picked up. It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to promptly pick up the student from school.

To view current CDC masking guidelines, click [here](#).

Every school was given the opportunity to become a vaccination site. Some school leaders opted to give vaccinations on campus. For example, Starks High School was a COVID-19 vaccination site and administered vaccinations. Students or employees wishing to obtain vaccinations should contact the local health unit for more information or contact Risk Management at 337-217-4240 ext. 3009.

EMPLOYEE PROTOCOLS AND SCREENING OVERVIEW

Employees will be advised to stay home if they are sick or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Symptoms that may require an employee to stay home:

- Fever of listed temperature or greater:
 - Oral: 100.4 F
 - Forehead/Temporal (Infrared): 99.8 F
- Chills or rigors
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Employees will need to contact their supervisor if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19. Supervisors will work closely with Risk Management to determine the next steps.

While CDC guidance does not currently require masking, if a student or teacher chooses to wear a mask, it is recommended that they follow CDC guidelines for proper use for the correct wearing of masks.

Students or employees wishing to obtain vaccinations should contact the local health unit for more information or contact Risk Management at 337-217-4240 ext. 3009.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Calcasieu Parish School Board places an equal emphasis upon the nondiscriminatory provision of educational opportunities for children and no person shall be denied the benefits of any education program or activity on the basis of race, color, handicap, religion, creed, national origin, age, or sex. All programs offered by schools within the school district shall be open to all students in compliance with statutory and judicial requirements. Accommodations for students with disabilities will be made with respect to health and safety policies within the Individualized Education Program or Individualized Accommodation Plan for each student. Please see your local school administration to schedule an IEP or IAP meeting.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Additional information and specific details will be released as necessary. If changes are made to this document, revisions will be noted in yellow, and the revision date will be located on page 1. To view information regarding school supplies, lunch menus, school calendar, and more, visit our [Back-to-School Information](#) site. For comments or questions regarding this plan, please send an email to info@cpsb.org.