

Blackwater R-II

Safe Return to In-Person

Instruction and Continuity of

Services Plan

(SRCSP)



2021-2022 School Year

The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidance. Guidelines and protocols may also be revised as appropriate to reflect the needs of local conditions.

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1. Overview

The safety and well-being of Blackwater R-II students and staff is our top priority in all decisions related to conducting school and providing a quality education to all students we serve.

Blackwater R-II worked diligently throughout the 2020-2021 school year to provide in-person instruction to our students with minimal interruption. We plan to build off of this success in the 2021-2022 school year to move back towards a “NORMAL” classroom and building experience for all students, parents, staff members, and community members.

The content in this document will be updated as additional guidance is provided by state, local, and federal authorities. Please refer to this document often to stay informed about the most current guidelines and protocols our district will be following. Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to call the Blackwater R-II Superintendent’s Office at 66-846-2461 to discuss and address those concerns.

2. Masks

The use of face masks for staff members and students will be optional for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Physical Distancing

Blackwater R-II will continue to adjust schedules and release time/start times to provide distancing and congestion in hallways when possible. Blackwater R-II will return to all students eating breakfast in the cafeteria prior to the start of the school day.

4. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Handwashing will be taught and reinforced. Proper handwashing signage will be placed in bathrooms throughout the school. Hand sanitizer will be available to all students and staff.

5. Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

Blackwater R-II will continue to provide additional cleaning in school buses, classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, and high-touch surfaces. Blackwater R-II will continue the usage of additional maintenance/custodial staffing throughout the school day to assist with additional cleaning.

6. Contact Tracing

All contact tracing for any illness will be handled by the Blackwater R-II School Nurse and the LEA.

7. Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Blackwater R-II will not conduct any diagnostic screenings or testing. All testing for any illness or sickness will be conducted by the local health departments, physicians, or clinics outside of the school setting.

8. Vaccinations

The Blackwater R-II School Nurse will continue to keep staff members informed of vaccination opportunities throughout the area.

9. Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Blackwater R-II will provide appropriate accommodations as necessary or as mandated by a student Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

10. Periodic Revision

The SRCSP will be reviewed and revised by the superintendent and Blackwater R-II Board of Education no less than every six months. The initial plan was adopted on June 10, 2021. Consultation will occur with a group of students, parents, superintendent, special education coordinator, staff of Blackwater R-II, Cooper County Health Department, and community organizations representing underserved students. To be part of the review process, please contact the school at 660-846-2461.