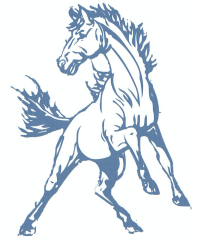


Richland #44 School District Smart Restart Fall 2020 Summary



Richland #44 Phased Approach

Plan A Lower risk	Plan B Some risk	Plan C Moderate risk	Plan D High risk
School is open and instruction is in-person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary students in person • Jr/Sr HS students are in a hybrid learning model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most students are distance learning • The district will provide in-person instruction for special populations including students on IEPs and at-risk learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is closed • Distance learning for all students

As of August 12, 2020, the plan is to start in Plan A.

Who will make the decision to move phases and how often?

The decision to move phases will be made by the school administration, school board president, and health department. Decisions to move phases will be made as needed based on changes in COVID-19 cases. Any change to the phases will be immediately communicated to families and posted on our website. If we can give families advanced notice of the change (several days), we will aim to do this but recognize that a change could happen overnight.

Plans A&B Overview

Students will be in person and will stay in a close cohort/grade level as much as possible to avoid intermixing of groups in case of infection. Increased cleaning and safety protocols will be implemented in each building. Examples of health protocols include:

- Face coverings (elementary required during transitions and Jr/Sr HS required when physical distancing cannot be maintained); face coverings should cover mouth and nose.
- Sanitizing hands before entering classroom
- Classes/cohorts mixing as little as possible
- Few visitors permitted; face coverings required

Plan B: Hybrid for Jr/Sr HS

If we move to Plan B, elementary students will stay in person and Jr/Sr HS students will move to a hybrid A/B model. Group A will attend school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and the first Friday (alternating). Group B will attend school on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the second Friday (alternating). These groups will be determined and communicated by the first week of school.

When at home, students are required to log into every class live and on time; attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class.



Plans C&D Overview: Distance Learning

If we move to plans C or D, instruction will move to distance learning with a focus on synchronous (live) teaching. The elementary will follow a specific schedule and the Jr/Sr HS will follow a schedule very similar to our normal bells schedule (both can be found in the full plan). Attendance will be taken as normal and grades will be entered into PowerSchool.

Virtual Academy

Families who decide that they do not want students participating in person can select the Virtual Academy. Decisions will be made for one semester at a time and must be communicated to the school at least two weeks before the semester begins. No medical documentation or rationale is required to opt into the virtual academy.

A 3rd party will provide the virtual academy to our K-6 students (not our Richland teachers). Most classes at the Jr/Sr High School will be livestreamed straight into the classroom; students will be taught by Richland staff. Courses that cannot be effectively taught through a livestream will be offered through NDCDE.

	Start Date	End Date	Deadline to Opt in
Semester 1	August 26 or 31	January 14	August 14
Semester 2	January 15	May 27	December 11

Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided for students, but we are encouraging families to find alternative transportation if possible. There is always the possibility that transportation will not be provided if circumstances make it challenging to provide. Health and safety protocols will be in place on the buses face coverings.

Activities

North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA) released guidelines for activities this school year; the Richland #44 School Board approved our activities to continue this year. School administration may cancel events based on COVID-19 cases. Health and safety protocols will be in place including a reduced number of spectators, required face coverings when indoors, no locker room use by visiting teams, and physical distancing of spectators.

COVID-19 Symptoms and Daily Health Screenings

The single most important thing to do if a student or staff member shows symptoms of COVID-19 is to STAY HOME (i.e. fever of 100.3 or higher, new loss of taste or smell, etc.). A full list of symptoms and a copy of the daily health screening can be found in the full plan. In order to get a COVID-19 test, families can contact Richland County Health Department at 701-642-7735 or contact their local health provider.

Specific protocols for a variety of COVID-19 scenarios are in our full plan.

For details, schedules, and more extensive information, please read our full Richland #44 Smart Restart Fall Reentry Plan.