

# Portageville School District



COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan

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Dear Portageville Parents, Staff and Community:

The top priority for the Portageville School District is the safety of our students, staff and community. Since the beginning of this pandemic, Portageville School District has been monitoring this situation very closely and taking all possible precautions to keep our students and employees from exposure to this disease. District administration has been in contact with local and state officials, the New Madrid County Health Department, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We have also continued to monitor the websites and press releases of the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in order to be as preventative and educated on a safe return to school as possible. Through many hours of planning and researching, we have moved forward with a plan to reopen schools on the scheduled start date of August 24, 2020. The Portageville School District's plan is based on a three-tiered implementation plan. Level I is based on the least amount of community spread and level III is based on the greatest amount of community spread. This plan could change at any time between now and the start of school based on community spread and recommendations by state and local health officials. All three levels will contain **The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program Option**.

In developing the plans, student and staff safety is of utmost importance. We will continue to coordinate with federal, state, and local officials as we make critical decisions regarding student, staff, and community safety while also providing quality instruction to all students. We will adapt to the level of threat accordingly. Some of these adaptations may be a challenge for staff, students, parents, and community.

We are all learning as we adapt to this "new normal". Please contact the building principal or central office with any questions or concerns you may have as you review the plan provided below. Below you will find the district's three levels of operation and brief explanation.

Michael Allred

Superintendent

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# PSD Daily Mode Indicators and Explanations

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
School will start as planned August 24th and will meet in-person with a traditional schedule or students can sign up for virtual instruction.	Blended Instruction-Students will receive both in-person and virtual instruction. Class sizes will be reduced.	School will be closed. Virtual instruction will take place for all students in grades PK-12th.

## LEVEL ONE

Regular School Calendar

*School will start on August 24<sup>th</sup> and classes will meet in-person with a traditional schedule or you may sign your child up for the Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program (See page 13-15 for enrollment information)*

## LEVEL TWO

Blended Schedule – Blue & White Day Calendar

*(Students will receive blended instruction, alternating between in-person and virtual. For example your child may receive in-person instruction on Monday/Wednesday and every other Friday while doing virtual instruction on Tuesday/Thursday).*

## LEVEL THREE

School Closure

*(School will be closed short-term or for an extended period of time with virtual instruction and / or packets of work being provided.)*

**LEVEL I- LOW/NO COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19  
IN-PERSON/REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR AND VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

Portageville School District will offer two instructional options for the 2020-2021 school year. The first option will be a traditional schedule and instruction in-person. Parents will also be given the option to enroll their child(ren) in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program. (*See more information regarding this program on pages 10-12*). The District will implement the following preventative protocols upon school starting August 24th for all students that attend traditional school.

- The district's number one priority will be to protect the health and safety of all stakeholders. We are asking that parents screen students for COVID-19 symptoms at home prior to getting on the bus or coming to school. Portageville School District will implement a process for daily screening of both students and staff for symptoms of and exposure to COVID-19. Temperature checks will be implemented starting the first day of school. Please click on the link.. [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

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I hope that everyone is having a safe and healthy start to the holiday season. Governor Mike Parson announced on Thursday, November 12, 2020 changes to the state guidance related to identifying close contacts in a school setting. Our goal is to keep students in person learning and teaching.

Portageville School District has implemented a mask mandate to limit the number of students being quarantined as a close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19. This will begin December 1, 2020.

Our goal is to implement these changes pertaining to the mask mandate and limit the amount of students being placed in quarantine. Our intentions for this year were to fully reopen and continue to remain reopened while providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff.

Portageville School District has newly updated COVID-19 information on our website at [www.portageville.k12.mo.us](http://www.portageville.k12.mo.us). Please feel free to view this valuable information and other district information.

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Allred, Superintendent

## **Classroom Protocols**

Portageville School District will be implementing the following procedures to maximize the safety of all students. Please keep in mind that our intent for all students is to keep them in a stable group as much as possible while at school.

- The middle and high school students will switch classes each hour. The elementary students will remain in their homeroom throughout the day except for scheduled events such as activity time, recess, or bathroom breaks.
- All classrooms will be set up to encourage social distancing. All desks will be facing forward in the same direction so students do not sit face-to-face and assigned seating will be implemented.
- All student desks will be spaced apart with as much distance as possible.
- Assigned seating will take place in all classrooms. This will reduce the number of students sharing a space and help keep up with student locations at all times.
- In classrooms where tables are used for seating, students will be seated on one side only.
- In classrooms where it is necessary that students sit at round tables protective dividers will be installed to maximize personal space.
- Classroom teachers will educate students on proper hand hygiene along with different viruses and signs of illness (age appropriate). Signs will be posted in all bathrooms about proper hand washing procedures. In addition, students will be required to use hand sanitizer before and after moving from one location to another.
- To the extent possible, students will remain in the classroom and teachers will move throughout the day.
- There will be time built into the daily schedule for routine hand washing by both students and teachers.
- All three buildings will have sanitizing stations for students to use. These will be positioned throughout the building.
- Teachers / custodians will wipe desks down between classes and at the end of each day.
- Chrome book keyboards will be sanitized and wiped down between classes.
- Every effort will be made to eliminate the sharing of school supplies, unless the supplies have been disinfected after each use.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled throughout the day to avoid overcrowding, to the extent possible
- Music and choir classes will be arranged to allow for maximum social distancing. The room will be disinfected with spray prior to the beginning of each class period. Students will be placed so not face-to-face at any time. Instruments that are shared will be wiped down between each use. At no time will mouth pieces be shared. Physical Education classes will be held outside as much as possible. All equipment will be disinfected between classes.

## **Hallway Protocols**

- When the students arrive at school in the mornings, they will be instructed to grab a breakfast tray and go to their homeroom or their 1st hour class.

- Movement through the hallways will be one-way, to the extent possible. Physical distancing markers and cues will be placed throughout the building, which will remind and prompt students to remain six feet apart in areas where they are not stationary. Appropriate social distancing when lining up or walking down the halls will be taught and monitored by all staff members.
- Passing times will be staggered to the extent possible, to reduce the number of students in the hallways at one time.
- Students will not be using lockers for the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Cafeteria Protocols**

The district is taking extra precautions at this time to keep students safe. When school begins several changes are being made in all facilities.

- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom at this time.
- Food allergies will be taken into account as needed.
- Lunch shifts will be extended to allow time for sanitizing all tables between lunch shifts.
- Cleaning procedures will take place between lunch shifts.

### **Recess Protocols (Elementary)**

We understand the importance of recess time for the elementary students. Classrooms will visit the playground on a schedule that limits interaction between different classrooms. Consequently, recess times will be spread out throughout the day. There will be protocols put into place during outside time. These will include cleaning processes and expectations.

- When students arrive at school in the morning, they will be instructed to retrieve breakfast and go to their homeroom.
- We will no longer have morning recess before school.
- Playground equipment will be properly disinfected by the contracted custodial company using a fogging device.
- Students will sanitize and/or wash their hands immediately upon reentering the building

### **Athletic / Extracurricular Event Protocols**

- Because complete social distancing is not possible during athletic practices and extracurricular events, all parents who have a child participating will be required to sign a participation waiver before a child can participate. The waivers will be attached to the child's physical and copies kept in the Athletic Director's office.

- Keep in mind that spectator capacity MAY be reduced to the maximum number allowable in order to seat spectators 6 feet apart.
- Should it become necessary to reduce seating, spectators will purchase tickets in advance or at the gate.
- All ticket prices will be \$4.00 per ticket during the time limited seating is available.
- Only gate workers, supervisors, clock, announcers and chain crew will be admitted free.
- Concession stands will be open but only pre-packaged items will be sold.
- All social events and assemblies will be eliminated temporarily. If social distancing guidelines are lifted, this could possibly change.

### **Transportation Protocols**

Our goal is to make sure students are transported safely to school. With the current social distancing guidelines, Portageville School District will have new protocols in place for the 2020-2021 school year. Please read the following information carefully.

- We are encouraging **ALL** parents to transport their child(ren) to and from school to minimize the number of students on school transportation (buses).
- All students riding the bus will be required to wear a mask at all times. One mask will be provided for every student riding the bus.
- If a student currently has transportation written into their IEP plan, the IEP team will make the most appropriate decision for those students.
- Due to social distancing guidelines, transportation to and from school may be restricted to DESE guidelines which states if a student lives less than **a mile from their school**, transportation may not be provided by the school district (click on attached map). This is for the safety of our students and to assist with social distancing.
- If you have a residence within **half a mile of school**, you will need to apply for bus transportation.
- Applications will be available on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and can be found on our school website and Facebook. All applications must be returned to the administrative office by August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please **click [portagevillemap.png](#)** to see the Map indicating residences within the half mile radius from the bus garage.
- Bus eligibility will be based on distance from the school building the child attends. Parents may be allowed to request transportation for students who live less than **half a mile** from school of attendance, but only if there is a documented medical need or an approved hardship.
- All parents that fill out the bus transportation application will be notified prior to school starting regarding whether their child is eligible to ride a bus to school.
- **[Portageville School District Bus Rider Application](#)**
- All students riding the bus will have assigned seating. Siblings will be asked to sit together on the bus.
- Bus stops will be reorganized in order to reduce the number of students congregating at a bus stop.
- Buses will be disinfected after each bus run.



### **Facilities / Custodial / Maintenance Protocols**

- All frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected multiple times during the day. These may include door handles, light switches, and any equipment that may be used by multiple students.
- Water fountains will be closed for student use until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring bottled water to school. Please discuss the importance of not sharing water at school. In addition, bottles of water will be available for purchase. (More information to TBA)
- Restrooms will be disinfected multiple times during the day. Schedules will be posted and employees will sign off the time when the work was completed.
- Our custodians will ensure there is always adequate soap and paper products available in the restrooms and classrooms with handwashing stations.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and high traffic areas.
- Signs will be posted in the classrooms and restrooms with directions on how to effectively wash hands.
- Disinfectant stations will be placed throughout the building. These will include the cafeteria, entrances, office entrances, gym / physical education classes, etc.

### **Health Services / Guidance Protocols**

Student and staff safety will be our number one priority this school year. In our efforts to make this happen it is crucial that parents read the following guidelines very carefully about our NEW protocols and procedures when a student is sent to the office. The guidelines have been put into place by the CDC and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). [COVID-19 Illness Information for Parents](#)

- Students and staff should not attend school if they are exhibiting the following symptoms ( See link on all COVID-19 symptoms) [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)
- In the event your child comes to school exhibiting signs of illness, parents will be called to come pick up that child.
- Training will be provided to all staff on the signs and symptoms of any infectious disease.
- Training will be provided to all staff and students on proper personal hygiene (handwashing), illness containment practices (covering mouth and nose when sneezing) and social distancing.
- Teachers will contact the nurse when any student exhibits signs of illness.
- Students with symptoms should not attend school and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school. For students who are diagnosed with COVID-19, either by a laboratory test or based on their symptoms, return to school is permissible when the student is at least 10 days from symptom onset, has had three days with no fever (with no fever reducing medicine) and has improving symptoms. Return to school for children with an alternate diagnosis is at the discretion of their healthcare provider and/or the school nurse. Children with a known close contact with COVID-19 (or an adult with symptoms compatible with COVID-19) should stay home for 14 days from their last contact and until return to school is approved by the local health department in accordance with the CDC guidance.

- Nurse offices will maintain an adequate supply of personal protective gear (masks, gloves, disinfectant, and thermometers) to evaluate for the disease and reduce the spread of the disease.
- The nurse will work with individuals/families who may be at high risk to develop a preventative plan and answer any questions or concerns.
- Should a staff member, student or visitor to the building test positive for COVID-19, it may be necessary to close the school short term (2-5 days) to deep clean and disinfect the building.
- All buildings will have an isolation/holding room for sick students until a parent can come pick them up.

### **Staff Work Protocols**

- Every effort will be made to reduce the number of staff meetings in person, unless social distancing can be maintained. Google Meet and Zoom will be utilized as much as possible.
- Staff will regularly clean and disinfect work spaces.
- Workstations will be rearranged to ensure employees are following social distancing guidelines.
- Barriers and / or sneeze guards will be installed at reception areas and workspaces where the environment does not accommodate social distancing.
- Staff members will be encouraged to wear a mask while working in close proximity with students, another staff member or visitor.

### **Public/Visitors**

- Under the current circumstances, visitors to the building will not be permitted, unless prearranged or in an emergency situation.
- In the event a visitor has a prearranged meeting or emergency and comes into the building, all visitors will be screened and required to have a temperature check, then sign a log documenting date, time, locations visited in the building and reason for visit.
- Students who are being picked up due to illness will be escorted to the parent's vehicle. Parents will call to inform the office they have arrived. The student will then be escorted to the car.
- Parents who have to pick up a student early for any reason will call the front office to let them know they have arrived. The student will then be escorted to the car.
- Signs will be posted at all entrances reminding those who do enter to maintain social distancing.
- Signs will be posted to remind visitors not to shake hands or have unnecessary physical contact with employees or students.
- Public use of facilities will not be permitted at this time.
- No outside deliveries to students will be allowed.

## Early Childhood Programs

### ECSE Program

- Students will be assigned to an AM or PM session.
- In-person and virtual instruction will be available for preschool students. In the event our school is closed, the teachers will post lessons online along with sharing activities, games, and online practice/websites for parents to do with their child.
- Target class sizes will be 15-20 students per class in preschool and no more than 10 students in the ECSE classroom.
- Necessary cleaning protocols will be implemented between the AM and PM sessions.
- Student attendance will be closely monitored.
- In all classrooms, every best effort will be made to maintain stable groups (children will remain in one classroom for learning).
- Large gatherings (such as all-school assemblies and school-wide celebrations) will not occur.

- The teachers will make changes to the classroom protocols which will include assigned seating and other measures to minimize contact.

**LEVEL 2- Blended Instruction**  
**Students will alternate in-person and virtual instruction**

Portageville School District will continue to work with the New Madrid County Health Department, Center of Disease Control (CDC), and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Should the district be notified of the need to increase social distancing and other preventative protocols, the district will pivot to an alternating day schedule. If your child is already enrolled in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program, they will continue to receive all instruction virtually.

- Teachers will deliver a blended instructional program, with students receiving in-person instruction, alternating with virtual instruction every other day. *(Students will receive blended instruction, alternating between in-person and virtual. For example, students in group blue may receive in-person instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday, with virtual instruction on Tuesday, Thursday, and alternating Fridays)*

- The teacher will assign curriculum related lessons and activities via Google Classroom, Zoom, USA Test Prep, or any other online program used within the district.
- Teachers will track completion of assignments on a weekly basis and provide feedback to students.
- Virtual instruction and assignments will contain the same content as in-person instruction/assignments.
- Virtual assignments will be required and graded as assigned.
- Assessments will be administered in person to the extent possible.
- Hotspots will be available throughout the community for students who do not have internet access at home.
- Locations of hot spots will be provided upon request and can be found on our school website under parent/student resources.
- Training will be provided to all students on how to access assignments and virtual instruction. In addition, tutorials will be posted on our school website for parents to access as needed.
- The district will work with all parents that need additional assistance with virtual instruction.
- Masks will be encouraged for high risk students and staff should there be a community outbreak or if those at a high risk are working closely with students or staff.
- Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up on the days a student is not in school. Locations on all meals will be announced at a later date.
- Students will be allowed to check out a chrome book upon request. If you do NOT have access to the internet or Wi-Fi service, please go to the school website/Facebook page for information regarding reduced pricing on internet service.

### **Athletics/Extracurricular Activities**

- Events may be closed to the public. If spectators are allowed, capacity will be reduced to the maximum number allowable to seat the public 6 feet apart.
- Should it become necessary to reduce seating, spectators will be asked to purchase tickets in advance or at the gate.
- NO passes will be accepted in the event our capacity is reduced due to an outbreak.
- All ticket prices will be \$4.00 per ticket during the time limited seating is available.
- Only employees of the district, gate workers, supervisors, clock announcers, and essential workers (per sport) will be admitted free.

**LEVEL 3- School Closure due to  
Substantial Community Spread**

If the district is notified by local and state health officials of a substantial community outbreak, the district will transition to virtual instruction only. All schools will be closed.

- Virtual instruction will be delivered to all K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Teachers will assign curriculum related lessons and activities via Google Classroom, Zoom, USA Test Prep, or any other online program used within the district.
- Teachers will track completion of assignments on a weekly basis and provide feedback to students.
- Virtual instruction and assignments will contain the same content as in-person instruction/assignments.
- Virtual assignments will be required and graded as assigned
- Assessments will be administered virtually.
- The grading scale for virtual instruction will follow the same guidelines as in-person instruction.
- Hotspots will be available throughout the community for students who do not have internet access at home.
- Locations of hot spots will be provided upon request and can be found on our school website.
- Training will be provided to all students on how to access all assignments and virtual instruction. In addition, tutorials will be posted on our school website for parents to access as needed.
- The district will work with all parents that need additional assistance with virtual instruction.
- Students will be allowed to check out a chrome book upon request. If you do NOT have access to the internet or Wi-Fi service, please go to the school website/Facebook page for information regarding reduced pricing on internet service.

## **Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program Enrollment Information**

The Portageville School District will allow parents to enroll their child in Full-time online classes for the fall of 2020. These classes are the same classes that your child is scheduled to take in the fall. This program is being offered for parents who have concerns about their child attending in-person school as a result of our current pandemic. A full-time online student is still a student of the Portageville School District. A Google Form will appear on the Elementary/High School Facebook page very soon. This form must be completed by a parent and not students. Listed below is some basic information about full-time online classes:

1. The online class is the same as their regularly scheduled class. For example, if your child had first hour math with Teacher A, they would have online math with Teacher A.
2. Attendance will be taken daily for online students.
3. Work is required to be submitted at the teacher defined times.
4. A teacher would have a specific time each day during regular school hours to answer questions of the student/parent via email, phone, zoom call, etc. After hours communication is at the discretion of the teacher.
5. Grading scale is the same as the regular grading scale.

6. Portageville School District will provide any printed materials needed for the online program.
7. **A student who chooses full-time on-line classes will NOT be eligible to participate in MSHSAA related athletic activities and Extracurricular clubs.**
8. Students who enroll in full-time online will stay in this program for one full-semester. There will be no flipping back and forth with this program.
9. Students who select in-person school will be enrolled in that program for one full-semester. Any exceptions would be at the discretion of the administration.
10. ***The enrollment deadline for Full-time online enrollment is August 6th. NO applications will be accepted after that date so the district can plan for these students.***
11. High School Students enrolled in Full-time online classes will still be able to participate in Sikeston Career and Technical Courses in the format that SCTC provides and return to full-time online after returning from Sikeston if they meet all academic and attendance requirements of the Portageville School District.
12. ***If your child is accepted into this program, you will be notified of acceptance by August 14th. We will call each parent who has a child accepted by this date. Please do not call asking.***

Sincerely,

Portageville School District Administration

## Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten – 12th Grade

### The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program Option

- All students in grades PK-12th grade will have the option to enroll in the virtual learning program. The program will be taught by teachers of the Portageville School District. All instruction will include a combination of district adopted textbooks and resources, teacher directed instruction and district approved adaptive technology programs. The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program registration is due by August 6, 2020. No late registrations will be accepted due to staffing decisions.
  - Teachers will communicate, assign work, and provide feedback using Google Classroom and Zoom platforms, along with Classroom Dojo and other online programs, for personalized instruction.
- Students will have interaction with their teachers via video conferencing. They will also have access to activity teachers (art, music and PE), school counselors, and reading/math specialists, as needed.

- Students and families should plan on direct daily instruction online. The direct-instruction will be extended with practice activities for students to complete off-line at home.
  - Teachers will also be available to meet with students individually or in small groups through the week to provide additional support, including intervention and enrichment needs as scheduled.
  - Students will continue to participate in the district benchmark assessments including the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) in the spring and other classroom assessments as needed throughout the school year.
- PK-12 grading practices will follow the same grading system and scale as in-person classes.
- Even though a family has chosen the Portageville School District virtual learning program, the student will continue to be affiliated with their child's home school building, including communications from their school building.
  - If you begin as an online student, there will be an opportunity to move to in-person learning after the end of the first semester.
  - Similar enrollment guidelines will be in place for the second semester as well.
- Participation in the Portageville School District virtual learning program requires a device and reliable WI-FI connection for video conferencing.
  - Portageville School District will provide a District-issued Chromebook for each student enrolled in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option.
  - If a student does not have adequate internet access information is available on our school website and Facebook page on affordable internet service. Internet access is required to enroll in the Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program and is not provided by the District.
  - Students who begin in-person classes will be transferred to virtual learning with their teacher in the event of a school closure.
  - Students who enroll in the Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program at the start of the year will remain in the program regardless of a Portageville School District closure.
  - Younger children will likely need family support logging-in, some supervision while online, and potential trouble-shooting.
  - Portageville School District will provide all print materials, including textbooks, that may be needed for the program.
- The District breakfast and lunch program will provide meals to-go for virtual students. Additional details are continuing to be developed and will be provided at a later date.
- Students with an IEP and/or a 504 plan may choose to enroll in the Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program.
- English Learners (ELs) may choose to enroll in the Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program.
- Virtual courses that are Portageville School District teacher-directed will mirror the in-person versions; same curriculum, pacing and assessments.
- If students select The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program, they are not eligible for extracurricular clubs and activities.
- SCTC (Vocational) classes will be available for students.



- Students who choose The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program will be allowed to enroll in and attend in-person SCTC vocational classes.

## **Special Education and Section 504 - Information and FAQs**

### **If my child has an IEP, can I still enroll my child in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option?**

Yes, all students have the following options: The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program Option or In-Person Learning.

### **If I choose to enroll my child in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option, how will my child receive special education services?**

All students with an IEP and special education services will have the option to come to the building to receive their special education services, receive their special education services remotely or a combination of both. For example: a parent may choose for their child to receive reading services remotely, but bring their child in for physical therapy.

**If I choose The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option and also choose for my child to receive their special education services in-person in their building, will my child be provided transportation?**

No, all students participating in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option would be required to provide their own transportation should they decide to access their special education services including speech/language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc. and/or building activities.

**When will my child receive special education services each day?**

All services will be provided during the regular school day. A student's specific schedule will be developed by and communicated through the special education teacher and/or specialist assigned to deliver the specific service.

**What if my child has special instruction from a curriculum that is based on alternative learning standards (MAP-A) and/or is significantly modified to meet his/her education needs?**

Parents of students who access alternative learning standards can still opt into the The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program Option distance learning platform. The student's IEP team, which involves the parents, will discuss the student's needs and plan accordingly.

**What if my child needs a more flexible schedule and cannot attend Zoom meetings during the school day?**

If you are concerned about your child's schedule, please, contact your student's special education teacher to problem-solve.

**If I choose remote learning for my child, will his/her IEP change as well?**

Yes. Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requires all districts to complete a "Form G" as part of the IEP process. This form addresses distance learning options and procedures which will address the unique learning and health needs of each student. It will be completed with input from IEP team members, which includes the parents.

**Will my student receive the same amount of services if I choose remote learning?**

While these decisions are made by the IEP team, the amount and frequency of specific services may need revision to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in a remote learning environment.

**If my child has a 504, can my student still enroll in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option?**

Yes, all students have the following options: The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option and In-Person Learning.

**If I choose for my child to enroll in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option, will my child receive accommodations?**

Yes, Section 504 students are eligible to receive 504 FAPE plan accommodations that are determined by the team.

**If I choose to enroll my child in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option, while I still be able to make an IDEA or 504 referral for initial evaluation?**

Yes, the district will continue to follow the U.S. Department of Education evaluation process for initial evaluations.

## **English Language Learners (ELLs) - Information and FAQs**

**If my child is an ELL student, can he/she enroll in the The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option?**

Yes. All students are eligible to enroll in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option.

**Will my ELL student continue to receive EL support in the The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option?**

Yes. All students who are eligible for English Learner (EL) support will continue to receive direct and indirect EL support while taking part in the district's virtual learning program.

**Students participating in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option will have the option to receive direct ELL services from a district ELL teacher through one of the following ways:**

1. Go to an assigned building and join EL groups there during regular school day hours. There will be specific times and days that the student must be present to participate in their designated EL groups. Transportation will not be provided.
2. Work with a district EL teacher in online meetings and groups via Zoom during regular school day hours. There will be specific times and days that the student will need to log into the Zoom meetings with the EL teacher to receive EL support.

**If we choose to attend ELL sessions in-person, will transportation be provided to and from the school for those sessions?**

No. All students participating in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option will be required to provide their own transportation to and from school to join EL groups in person.

**Will newly enrolled students be screened for ELL support if they choose to enroll in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option?**

Yes. All enrolling students who meet the criteria for English Learner testing will be given the EL screening test during the enrollment process, even if the family chooses to enroll the students in The Portageville School District Virtual Learning Program option. The EL department will work with the family to schedule the screening test for newly enrolled students.

**If my family chooses in-person enrollment, will ELL services look different than they usually do?**

Yes. We will continue to follow the CDC, DESE, and the New Madrid County Public Health Department guidelines, we will attempt to establish and maintain stable groups among students. This could include teachers pushing into the regular classroom, rather than the typical pull out only program. This will be determined by individual building schedules.

**If my family chooses in-person enrollment and the district has to close my student's school or the entire district because of health concerns, will my student continue to receive ELL support?**

Yes. The students' classes will move to virtual. Your student's ELL support will be provided online, as well. These plans will be established with the parents/guardians.

