



KENILWORTH
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Ready to Achieve!

Re-OPENING PLAN

2021 - 2022 School Year

THREE KEY PRINCIPLES



1 Wash
Hands Often

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2 Wear a
Face Covering

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3 Practice
Social Distancing

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Introduction

Kenilworth Science and Technology School (KST) is committed to provide a safe learning environment for its staff and students. This plan is developed in accordance with the guidance from LDOE¹ (Louisiana Department of Education), CDC² (Center for Disease Control and Prevention), and LDH (Louisiana Department of Health)³. The plan will be adoptive, and be updated as the conditions change.

Our priority is to begin the 2021-2022 academic year with 100% in-person instruction. In addition, we have experienced over the last year that students learn best in person and that we can operate safely with responsible precautions in place. We believe that we provide an environment that allows us to deliver on our promise of creating a safe, healthy, and student-centered learning environment for every student.

We will continue to monitor changes with guidance from the CDC, state and local authorities. You can review the 'Ready to Achieve! 2021-22 School Operations Guidelines' from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). These guidelines reflect best practices for safe return to in-person learning for the upcoming school year.

In light of the current increase in cases in Louisiana, the prevalence of the more infectious Delta Variant, we have prepared the following guidance for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. This guidance will be updated as dictated by the Louisiana Health Department (LDH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Please note that student safety will be at the forefront as we continue to develop our guidance this year.

¹<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/ready-to-achieve/ready-to-achieve!-2021-2022-school-operational-guidelines.pdf>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

³ <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4023>

Safety and Health Protocols on Campus

The following operational guidelines will be in place for the 2021-22 school year. These guidelines are based on the Louisiana Department of Education's School Opening Guidelines (found at [Ready to Achieve!](#) Guidelines). These standards are subject to change as conditions change.

Classroom/Group Sizes

The maximum group size that may convene indoors in a single room should be determined by physical distancing requirements and student grouping method (the CDC recommends that students should maintain a distance of 3-6 feet of distance in the classroom setting). Teachers will have their own classrooms. Students will remain in static groups for core classes. Students will change groups for ancillary classes, however, they will be smaller sizes and more socially distanced. In ancillary classes, students will be able to maintain a physical distance of at least three feet from other students and six feet from adults. Adults should maintain six feet of distance from other adults. Students with disabilities will continue to receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment. After services are provided, all shared surfaces and equipment will be cleaned before the next student is served.

Masks

With the highly contagious Delta Variant spreading and COVID cases rising, we will require masks for all students, staff, and visitors, in the school and on the bus, this school year until further notice.

COVID Testing/Vaccinations

We are working with LDH to offer free weekly COVID-19 testing opportunities for both students and staff. Additional details and consents will be released to parents and staff after the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

All eligible students and staff are encouraged to get vaccinated. If you need information or options, please contact our school nurse. You can also visit LDH at <https://ldh.la.gov/coronavirus/> for more information.

Air Filtration

All classes will use a HEPA Air Purifier during school hours. We will assure ventilation systems operate properly at all times

Sanitization / Hygiene

All recommended hygiene protocols will be followed, including frequent handwashing, hand sanitizing, covering sneezes and coughs, etc. Regular cleaning and sanitization will continue, including periodic cleaning of school facilities. High touch surfaces will undergo cleaning with a commercially available cleaning solution, including EPA approved disinfectants, at least twice per day (including bathrooms).

School employees/students will be provided with adequate access to hygienic supplies, including: soap, hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol), disinfectant wipes and/or spray, paper towels, and tissues. Face masks/shields will be provided upon request. We will post signs in highly visible locations (such as school entrances, restrooms) that promote everyday protective measures and describe how to limit the spread of germs.

Visitors

Visitors to the school building will be limited and must be approved prior to visit. All visitors must wear a face covering, be screened for temperature and COVID symptoms, and sanitize their hands upon arrival.

Social Distancing (Indoors and Outdoors)

Social distancing should be followed when possible. Mask wearing is the best barrier to COVID-19 exposure and reduces the requirement for quarantining. When using indoor shared spaces (such as cafeterias and gyms) social distancing guidelines will be followed.

- minimum of 3 feet between students
- minimum of 6 feet between students and adults
- minimum 6 feet between adults

If groups convene outdoors, a physical barrier is not required, but each group will remain separated.

Temperature Screening & Isolation Room

Staff, students, and visitors will have their temperature taken daily before entering the building. Students will be evaluated by the school nurse, isolated, and sent home if they develop a fever or symptoms at school. We will have a designated isolation room and self quarantine room (separate from the designated school nurse office) to house anyone showing signs of being sick. (This area will be cleaned after it is occupied by any sick student or adult.)

Water Bottles

All students should have a personal water bottle of up to 32 ounces. Water fountains will be closed until further notice. Students will be able to refill their water bottle at newly installed filling stations.

COVID Symptom Monitoring

Staff, students, and visitors with symptoms must stay home. Each morning, parents should monitor their children for symptoms and ensure no other family member(s) at their home are ill before sending them to school. Each morning, school staff will monitor themselves for symptoms and ensure that no other family member(s) at their home are ill before reporting to the school campus. Staff is required to fill out a daily symptoms survey.

Transportation

Buses may carry their normal capacity. All persons (students and adults) will wear masks at all times.

Seating charts will be created and enforced on the bus and students must remain masked and follow all bus protocols in place. Passengers on a school bus will be spaced to the greatest extent possible. We will ensure that hand sanitizer is available on each bus. Buses will be disinfected after each use (at least twice a day). Weather permitting, windows will be lowered to increase ventilation on the bus.

Known and Suspected Cases of COVID-19

Students, families, and employees should notify the school or their immediate supervisor if they test positive for COVID-19. We will communicate with employees and parents of students who were in close contact with the affected COVID-19 individual. Kenilworth will ensure continuity of education for students who are quarantined. LDH's [COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Schools](#) guide will be followed, and cases will be reported to LDH using the online system.

School Meals

Regardless of what phase we're in or what school instructional model we're using, we will continue to provide nutritious meals for our students. Food will be served with additional safety and sanitation procedures in place. For in-person on-campus meals, students will pick-up meals in the school cafeteria or designated location. Students will eat their breakfasts in classrooms. Lunch will be served hot lunch in the cafeteria with safety, cleaning and social distancing measures (6ft between students with a shield between them. Cafeteria workers will wear proper PPE.

Arrival and Dismissal

Employees and students must use the designated point(s) of entry/exit. Students will be dismissed by the bus number at the end of the day. Dismissal may take longer as students may also grab their take-home food. Kenilworth will limit crowding at entry/exit points by maintaining maximum group sizes and physical distancing recommendations to the maximum extent possible.

COVID Testing Information

We are working quickly to provide information and details regarding COVID-19 testing.

- Go to registration website: <https://www.k12testing.com>
- Select Sign Up
- Select the school (Kenilworth Science and Technology School)
- Select the correct link (student registration or staff registration)
- Complete registration form and submit

Important & Useful Information

LDOE Reopening Guidelines:

https://louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/ready-to-achieve/ready-to-achieve!-2021-2022-school-operational-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=737f6718_18

CDC Guidance for Schools:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

Louisiana Department of Health Website:

<http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>

Providing Feedback

You can submit feedback on this opening plan by

- Calling our front office at 225-766 8111
- Sending an email to info@kenilworthst.org
- Filling out our KST Communicate form at <https://www.kenilworthschool.org/contact>