

Richey Schools plan to begin the year 2020-2021

Students and staff will be screened daily to make sure that they are feeling well before entering the building. This screening will be done by our schoolteachers. Students who have an above normal temperature or are feeling ill will be sent home immediately.

Masks will not be mandatory for staff or students. However, if anyone wishes to wear a mask it will be encouraged. Staff will not make students wear masks nor will they make students take the mask off. It will be up to the student. If you want your child to wear a mask at school, please let his/her teacher know.

Students with compromised health conditions will be afforded the opportunity to choose distance learning options provided by the school district. If this option is chosen, it will be for the entire year. If there are multiple students in the family, all must choose the same option.

Busing will be provided with social distancing adherence to the best of our ability.

Participation in high school extracurricular activities will be determined in accordance with the Montana High School Association. Students participating in sports must be present in school, not distance learning.

All visitors to the school will be required to check in to the office and will be screened and required prior to proceeding through the school. All volunteers, guest speakers, or presentations in the classroom will be prohibited until further notice.

Lunch times will be staggered as well as passing time to help keep social distancing. Students will take turns at their lockers to help with social distancing.

Each classroom will be provided with sanitizing wipes and dispensers will be located throughout the buildings. Every effort will be made to adhere to social distancing in the classrooms.

Drinking fountains will be off limits. Students will need to bring a water bottle and fill it with the bottle filler feature.

These are just a few of the things that we know for sure. The specifics of the school day, how your child will transition throughout the school, what happens if a student or staff member tests positive, and what phase we are currently under will be topics that we will keep you updated during the year. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us by phone or email if you have any questions. We will do our best to answer them but know that we may not be able to be as specific as either of us would like due to the ever-changing world this pandemic has created.

Sincerely,

Maureen Simonson