



# Nemo Vista School District Ready for Learning Plan

**Nemo Vista School District** will follow the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines and the Arkansas Ready for Learning report issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in planning for re-opening in the fall. We hope the following information will answer your questions that you have concerning the beginning of school in August.

**What is the first day of school for Students?** The school year will begin on August 24, 2020. This date will only change if ADH, DESE, or the Governor of Arkansas changes the date.

**Who will be required to wear face covering?** Facemasks will be required when social distances cannot be achieved. All students (K-12), staff, and teachers will be required to wear a facemask. For those with specific health conditions that require they not wear a facemask, a physician's note shall be provided to the school nurse stating the health condition that prohibits a face covering.

**Who will provide the masks?** The district will provide a washable mask for every student in graded K-12. Parents may provide mask for their child. Please keep the mask plain.

**How will social distances be observed?** Social distancing will be observed as much as feasibly possible, but at times students may be closer than the recommended six (6) feet apart. We have moved desks approximately 6 feet apart. Physical barriers will be used in the elementary school when small groups are being used. Walking dots have been placed in the hallways to show students where the 6 feet social distances markers are. Arrows have also been used to show students the direction of walking. Dots are also being placed to show seating distances in the cafeteria. All students will face the same directions.

**Will students and adults be screened daily?** Adults will be screened before the students enter the building. The screening will entail the following questions:

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 or greater in the last two days?
2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell?
3. Have you been in contact with a person known to be infected with Covid-19 within the previous 10 days?

We are asking that each parent answer the above questions regarding his/her child before sending their child to school. If “yes” is the answer to any of the questions, you will need to keep your child at home.

**What will happen if a student comes to school sick?** Student will have their temperature checked before they enter the building. If the temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be isolated and sent home. If the student is a car rider the temperature will be checked before the parents leave the drop off point. Students with fever will reenter the parent’s car. The student will need to be fever-free for 48 hours without medication before returning to school. The school nurse will check the child when they return to school.

**If an individual tests positive for Covid-19, what will happen?** In the event an individual tests positive, we will follow the latest guidance and be in direct contact with ADH. This could result in a brief closure of a single school within the district to provide time for additional cleaning and sanitation.

**How normal will the day be for a student?** Our goal is for your student(s) to have as normal of a day as possible while also providing an environment that is as safe as possible. If grades K-5, students will remain in the same classroom all day during the learning opportunities. Art, Music, library time, AR testing (K-2) will take place in the regular classroom. Grades 4-5 will be departmentalized, but the teachers will switch classroom. Students in grades 6-12 will transition from class to class. Sanitation will take place before a new group of students enter a classroom.

**Will bus transportation be provided?** Yes, the district will provide bus transportation as was provided in the previous school year. All students will be required to wear a facemask on the bus, because of the inability to follow social distancing guidelines. Students will sit in assigned seats. Students from the same household will sit together. Students should maintain a distance of six (6) feet apart while waiting on the bus to arrive.

**Where will breakfast be served?** Students in grades K-2 will be served in the cafeteria. They will have assigned seats and will face the same direction and only sit on one side of the tables. Dots will

be placed on the seats to indicate social distances. Students in grades 3-5 will be served a grab and go breakfast in their classroom. Students in grades 6-12 will be served grab and go breakfast also. Middle school will be served in the Old Gym, and high school will be served in the New Gym.

**Where will lunch be served?** Students in grades K-5 will be served in the lunchroom. The lunch schedule will be broken into three (3) lunch periods. This will control the number of students in the cafeteria. Students will again sit at assigned seats with their classmates. Students will sit facing one direction and on dots to ensure social distances. Students in 6-12 will be eat in their classrooms in order to assure social distances.

**Will elementary students have recess?** Yes, the playground will be divided into zones, and the students will play with their classmates. The ADH recommends that students do not mix throughout the school day. The students will rotate zones during the week.

**How do I reroll of the Nemo Vista Virtual Academy?** Parents may opt for virtual learning instead of on-site traditional classroom. Parents will receive a survey to indicate if they want to enroll in the virtual academy and must decide by July 31, 2020. The students will be required to commit for one nine week unless there are extenuated cirumstances (contact building principals).

**What will the Virtual Academy look like?** Research shows that the best way to educate students is face-to-face at school. We do understanding that the Covid-19 virus is a serious situation and may require some students be educated virtually. Virtual for Grades K-2 will use a combination of Lincoln Learning, thumb drive instruction, and packets (no internet is needed). Grades 3-5 will use a combination of Lincoln Learning and google classroom. Students will require to zoom or facetime as various times. This will require parents to bring the students and their chromebooks to the school's parking lot to download learning materials. (Unless they have internet accessability). Grades 6-8 will use canvas (will need internet). Grades 9-12 will use Virtual Arkansas (also will need internet). The school's internet will be expanded throughout campus, and it can be exccessed from all parking lots.

**What happens if we have school closures again?** If schools close again, all students will be educated through the Virtual Academy.

**Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities and sports in the fall?** Yes, we anticipate sports activities in the fall with possible modifications as required by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). The Arkansas Athletics Association (AAA) continues to prepare

to resume activities and athletics this fall in accordance with the regular AAA calendar. These preparations are contingent upon compliance with all directives as issued by the Governor's Office and ADH.

**If students choose to do full-time virtual, will they be able to participate in extracurricular activities?** Yes, under current AAA guidelines, a student must be enrolled in at least one class per day. The athletic period scheduled during the day can count as the one class.

**What special precautions will be implemented concerning cleaning and sanitizing?** Sanitation and cleanliness will be a high priority for our district as we return in the fall. We have added additional equipment and supplies to clean high touch surfaces. Restrooms will be fogged throughout the day. We have purchased disinfectant sprays for every classroom can be disinfected quickly. Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the campuses. Students will be asked to sanitize hands each time they leave or enter a new space.

**How will schools address last year's gaps?** Teachers have worked to revise curriculum so that missed essential standards will be addressed when students return. Teachers' completed professional development from DESE concerning filling the gaps. Additionally, students will be assessed to determine individual strengths and deficits. These assessments will determine if students need additional support.

**Will Nemo Vista host Open House before school starts?** We are currently designing a modified version of our open house that will include required facemasks along with social distancing. Dates and times will be posted soon on our website and facebook page.

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