

Glenpool Public Schools

Frequently Asked Questions about the 2020-21 School Year

Plans Could Change Depending on Community Spread

1. What is the first day of school for the 2020-21 school year?

Glenpool Public School plans to start school on Thursday August 13, 2020. At this time the last day of school is scheduled for May 25, 2021. These dates are subject to change.

2. What is the plan for learning for the 2020-21 school year?

For the upcoming school year, there will be two learning pathways offered to our students, K -6th grades. Those pathways are traditional, in-person school or virtual learning from home. For grades 7 -12 three pathways are offered; traditional in-person school, virtual learning at home or blended learning (part of the day traditional, part of the day on-line at home).

3. What is the deadline for choosing the best option for my student?

Sunday, August 2, 2020 at midnight is the deadline for enrolling students in virtual learning. After that it will be assumed that your student will follow the traditional, in-person learning option.

4. Can my student change to the other option if they decide they don't want to stay in the program they are in?

Students will be committed to remain in the option chosen until the end of the first trimester which is November 6th, 2020.

5. What is the difference between Virtual learning and Distance learning?

Virtual learning allows students to remain at home full-time, on-line for 100% of their coursework. Glenpool's Virtual program is free of charge and the student is provided a device for on-line learning. Students will be taught through an on-line academic platform but will have access and support from a Glenpool certified teacher. Attendance will be taken and grades will be recorded, just as a traditional school program. Virtual learning will continue through the on-line platform even if traditional school has to go to distance learning due to a school closure.

Distance learning takes place when traditional school must close for a period of time. Instruction will continue on-line and live from their assigned teacher(s) from the traditional setting. When school resumes, students will return to their traditional school classroom(s). Blended virtual students will also move to Distance learning if school has to close for a period of time.

6. How many classes will my student have to take?

All students, virtual, traditional, or blended will take a full day of classes.

7. If my student is full time virtual and is planning to play collegiate sports, will virtual courses be accepted by the NCAA Clearinghouse?

The NCAA Clearinghouse does not accept Virtual classes and curriculum through Edgenuity. Blended courses offered in 11th and 12th grade through in-person learning are NCAA approved. If you are uncertain, you will need to meet with a high school counselor.

8. Is distance learning going to look like it did in the spring of 2020?

Distance learning will be completely different from the spring. During the spring, schools had no time to prepare and the state provided the guidelines of enrichment and review to keep students engaged. Schools were also notified that students could not receive a lower grade than they had prior to spring break. Distance learning for the 2020-21 school year will be focused on the Oklahoma Academic Standards, with new learning of concepts and ideas, student expectations to complete all work, grades given for work completed as well as work not turned in, and attendance taken based on time spent working on distance learning requirements.

9. What materials will be provided to students who select Virtual Learning?

A digital device and supplies appropriate to the course and grade level (if needed). Qualifying students without internet will be provided a hot spot.

10. Will virtual students be able to participate in school activities including sports, fine arts, or other extracurricular activities?

Yes, secondary virtual students may participate in onsite school activities. However, families are responsible for their own transportation.

11. Will buses be provided for virtual learners?

No, all virtual learning takes place at home.

12. If distance learning is activated for in-person students, will virtual students also change?

No, virtual students will continue in the virtual platform they are enrolled in (Edgeunity, iXL, Moby Max, etc.).

13. Who will decide if school closes?

A closure could be mandated by local/state health officials or by the superintendent, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of students and staff.

14. Will face coverings be required?

Yes, a face covering will be required for all bus riders as well as all students' grades 3-12 and all staff members. Exemptions will be on an individual basis with a doctor's letter.

15. Do I purchase face coverings for my student?

The district has ordered one washable neck gator for each student. Any other face covering will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. As soon as the gators arrive, they will be distributed through site protocols. This distribution may not take place until after school begins, due to order back log.

16. What are parent responsibilities in mitigating COVID-19 cases at school?

Parents should monitor their student's health each day, take temperatures prior to student going to school and keep students at home if they display symptoms listed in the Return to School Plan. Parents should not medicate students to disguise symptoms and send students to school.

17. What are the school nurse protocols for COVID-19?

A student having a temperature of 100* or above or showing ANY COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) will be isolated and a parent or guardian will be required to pick the students up IMMEDIATELY. A student will not be allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication, any other COVID-19 symptoms have improved, and it has been 10 days since the symptoms (fever included) first appeared OR student has written permission by a physician stating that the student is cleared to return to school. The list of symptoms is not comprehensive.

What are the protocols for teachers and staff members?

Glenpool employees are personally responsible for their own health monitoring and should not report to work if ill.

18. Will Glenpool Schools require COVID testing?

No, testing is the decision of individuals and their family. However, anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 due to a positive test will be required to have a negative test prior return.

19. How will the school notify parents if an exposure occurs?

The district will notify parents as quickly as possible if a 'direct' exposure occurs involving their student. However, the school will not contact a parent if exposure is limited (Health Department guidance) or non-existent.

20. Will meals be provided if school is disrupted and distance learning is put into effect?

Yes. A grab and go distribution plan will be put in place and will be similar to the spring and summer programs.

21. Will Extended Day be available for students?

Yes, the district will continue to offer the Extended Day program to the families of Glenpool students. The same safety precautions will be followed as outlined in the Lower and Upper Elementary plans.

22. Will the school day be the same with bell schedules, class offerings, etc.?

The school day will look the same in many ways, with some changes; social distancing, additional lunch and recess times, and other modifications described in site principals emails. Other changes may also occur throughout the school year.

23. Will athletics, fine arts and extracurricular activities take place during the 2020-21 school year?

Depending on the level of community spread, at this time, all athletics and fine arts programs will continue with extra measures taken to ensure the safety of students and staff. There may be limitations placed on the number of events, the number of people allowed to attend an event, limited access to performing areas, and/or other safety measures as warranted. As of this writing (7/28/2020), the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) has communicated they are moving forward with athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular events with safety exceptions as needed.

24. My student is on an IEP. Will required meetings still take place?

To ensure your child's progress continues, parent/guardians will be given the option of attending IEP meetings by phone or videoconference for the foreseeable future.

25. My student attends Tulsa Tech. Will those classes be held in person or virtually?

Tulsa Tech classes will be held in person. For questions regarding safety precautions, please contact Tulsa Tech. Bus transportation to and from Tech will be provided. Students will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus, including entering and exiting.

26. My student attends TTC classes on the Glenpool campus. Will those classes be held in person or virtually?

Glenpool TCC classes will be held virtually. Please contact TCC for any questions.

Additional Health Information/Covid-19

The Tulsa Health Department encourages all Tulsa County residents to be educated, stay informed and look for information from credible resources such as **the Tulsa Health Department (918) 582-9355**, **the Oklahoma State Department of Health (405) 271-5600** and/or **the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (800) 232-4636**.

