



The Mission of the Dunklin R-5 School District:
Educating Today for a Better Tomorrow

The Vision of the Dunklin R-5 School District:
Dunklin R-5 School District will demonstrate excellence in leadership, the development of character, and achievement for ALL students.

The Core Values of the Dunklin R-5 School District:
Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Perseverance

COVID-19 Response for Summer 2021

**This Document is Subject to change as more information
regarding COVID-19 is made available.**

Introduction

Our schools are designed to educate students through social, face-to-face interactions, in relatively close spaces and in large groups. The benefits of this approach to education are well accepted. With an increased number of the population being vaccinated as well as new guidance from the CDC and our local health department we are able to make changes to our reopening plans from the previous year. We also know our community prioritizes student and staff safety and expects a thoughtful COVID response plan. As we plan for a school year we will continue to monitor new information on the COVID-19 pandemic and make changes as needed based on cases in our schools and community and new research as it becomes available.

The Dunklin R-5 School District will be accessible to all students both online and in-person. Research over the course of this past year has clearly shown us the overwhelming benefits to in-person instruction. Therefore, there will be a process for any student who chooses to apply to attend courses virtually.

Virtual Blackcats

The application process for Virtual Blackcats, our online education option, will begin at the school site your child/children are enrolled in. Enrollment procedures can be found at [this link](#). Students who are not showing success in the Virtual Blackcats program, will be required to return to in person enrollment.



General Guidelines

The Dunklin R-5 School District is offering the following guidance based on local leadership decisions, which have been derived from guidelines established by local government and health authorities, based upon current factors and information. This is a “working document” and is subject to change, as new information is obtained and regulations evolve at local and regional levels.

It is important to note that while the District will make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, **there are inherent risks** with participation in group activities during this time. Therefore, the District cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to the virus or those who may have been affected; but the District will continue to prioritize the safety of your child. We have come a long way since our first case in March of 2019. Our community is stronger, and safer because of what we have learned.

General Parameters:

The District will:

- ✓ Limit nonessential visitors into the school.
- ✓ Have procedures in place for staff or students when they become or are sick.
- ✓ Establish social distancing protocols of three (3) feet for various activities during the school day to the best extent possible—classroom, cafeteria, gymnasium, playground, etc
- ✓ Continue to practice mitigation strategies that research has shown to be effective.

Staff

The District will: Ask staff not to report to work should they have any symptoms of COVID-19

Screening-Students

Students Entering Quarantine Expectations

The District will: Implement a health screening for all students reporting to school.

- ✓ The District will provide a protocol for parents to screen their children before sending to school. This will include a temperature check and screening questions
 - o [Link to questions](#)

When Someone Is Sick

Encourage staff and students to stay home when they are feeling ill. This message will continually be communicated to staff, parents, and students.

CDC [COVID Isolation and quarantine](#)

The District will: (when someone is identified with symptoms):

- ✓ Remove the individual immediately.
 - If it's a staff member, that individual will be sent home immediately.
 - If it is a student, they will be removed from the classroom until arrangements can be made for them to be picked up by a parent or guardian.
- ✓ The person should be advised to contact a healthcare provider if they exhibit symptoms or answered YES to any screening question/s.
- ✓ The healthcare provider will be able to determine whether the symptoms are a result of COVID-19 infection or if there are other health issues.
- ✓ Contact one's local health agency.
 - They will assist when it is acceptable for the person to return to work or school.
- ✓ Follow the guidance of the local health department regarding contact tracing, classroom or school closure, notification of community, sanitizing protocols, etc.

Transportation

The District will:

- ✓ Follow the federal mandate requiring masks being worn on buses at all times.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to transport students to and from school, if possible.
- ✓ Assign seats to reduce transmission and assist with contact tracing if necessary.
- ✓ The District will attempt to “family load”, where all members of one's family will sit together.
- ✓ Be following specific guidelines to provide social distancing to the best extent possible.

Food Service

[Food Service Procedures](#)

Masks

The District will:

- ✓ Faculty and staff members will be strongly encouraged to wear masks when unable to social distance less than 3 feet.
- ✓ Follow the federal mandate requiring masks being worn on buses at all times.
- ✓ Outside visitors will be limited. Vendors and Repairmen will be required to wear masks if they are in the building while students are in attendance.
- ✓ When students are physically present on campus, face coverings will be strongly encouraged. If both students are wearing a face covering then quarantine will not be necessary.
- ✓ Students who are in a high-risk group (previous health concerns, immune deficiency, etc.) will be highly encouraged to wear a face mask at all times.
- ✓ Remove any student from the classroom who becomes ill and provide them a face mask.

Hand Washing- Staff and Students

[Elementary Lesson for Handwashing](#)

[Middle/High School Lesson for Handwashing](#)

Water Fountains-Staff and Students

The District will:

- ✓ Avoid groups congregating around water fountains waiting for access.
- ✓ Allow use of water fountains for filling water bottles only. Students will be encouraged to bring a water bottle from home.

Student Restrooms/Usage

The District will:

- ✓ Limit the number of students in the restroom.
- ✓ Administer at least one deep cleaning a day and clean/wipe down high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- ✓ Implement scheduled restroom breaks so each grade/class can go at a specific time and avoid mixing students from different classes.
- ✓ Mark spaces outside restrooms to provide visual cues to ensure social distancing while waiting.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation of our students, staff, and community as we begin the revised mitigation strategies for our 2021 Summer School.