CHOCTAW-NICOMA PARK SCHOOLS START SMART UPDATED RETURN TO LEARN PLAN

Choctaw Nicoma Park Students will return to school in a blended Blue/Gold Schedule. Following the recently released model of instruction from the State Department of Education, the Choctaw-Nicoma Park District will follow the guidelines and safety protocols outlined in that document. In counties with higher numbers of COVID-19 cases, schools are encouraged to return in alternative schedules to increase social distancing during transportation to and from school and when in the school building.


What is a blended Blue/Gold Model?

In a blended Blue/Gold Model, students obtain part of their education in a face-to-face environment with the teacher and part of their education is provided by the teacher through an online learning management system such as Odysseyware or Google Classroom. This option is enacted in order to not have all students in the building at the same time when Oklahoma County is in an ORANGE LEVEL on the state’s Model of Instruction.

Here is how the blended model will work for Choctaw-Nicoma Park students:

- The student population at a site will be split at a determined place in the alphabet.
- Students who are in the same household will be placed in the same Blue or Gold group.
- Students who may be part of a blended family where students in the family have different last names will be placed in the same Blue or Gold group.
- Students who are serviced on an IEP who fall in the Severe Profound, Intellectual Disability (ID), or Autism can come to school on both Blue and Gold team days.
- Students who have speech, occupational therapy, or physical therapy will still have those services on their Blue or Gold assigned days.
Attendance and Learning Schedule:

Team Blue

**Monday & Tuesday**
In Person @ school regular school hours

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**
Distance Learning completing assignments *Teachers send home, or assign in Google Classroom, Odysseyware, etc.*

Team Gold

**Thursday & Friday**
In Person @ School regular school hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**
Distance Learning completing assignments *Teachers send home, or assign in Google Classroom, Odysseyware, etc.*

Wednesday is a day for cleaning and disinfecting the buildings and rooms. Also, it is a day for teachers to plan and create lessons.

At the end of every week, the district will follow OSDE guidelines, looking at county and community cases to decide whether to return in a blended Blue/Gold format, Distance Learning Format, or if the case count has reduced then the district can return in a traditional format. The data released on Fridays will guide our district’s decision for the next 2 weeks of instruction. This will allow our district the flexibility to move to a less or more restrictive model in a timely fashion, due to COVID-19 data changes.

**Pros of this Plan:**
- Allows for smaller groups in classrooms, buses, cafeterias, playgrounds, hallways, dismissal.
- Social distancing becomes easier to do in the classroom
- Gives students more individualized time with a teacher
- Teachers, students and parents have time to form relationships, class expectations, procedures, learn how to access distance learning assignments
- Gives one day a week for a deeper clean of each building and buses
- Keeps students in homogeneous groups to limit exposure
- This plan is determined in 2-week increments, so we are not committed to an extended period of time
- Grades will be taken on assignments
- This allows us to follow the CDC, OCCHD, OSDH guidelines for safety more effectively

**Official In-Person Start Date for Students:**

Group Blue: August 24
Group Gold: August 27
Notification of groups:

Individual school sites will notify parents as to which group their child/children will be in by August 10. IF after that date, you have a conflict or concern about your child’s assigned Blue/Gold team, due to a blended family or child care support, please contact your child’s school.

EDGE:
The format for those enrolled in the EDGE will not change.

Sports/Extra Curricular Activities for Secondary Sites:

As long as the OSSAA allows student activities to continue, middle school activities that were held after school will remain after school. High school activities will be held during their normal scheduled time. For example, band will be held 1st period, cheer/pom will be held 1st period. All athletics will be held 4th period. Coaches and teachers of those activities will send communication to parents about schedules and procedures. Drama information will be sent by Mrs. Burton.

In today’s unprecedented times, our CNP School Board, Central Office Staff, and Site Staffs, appreciate your understanding of the difficult decisions being made. As in all situations, we will continue the G.O.L.D. Standard and make it through this ever-changing journey, CHOCTAW STRONG.

Calendar:
See attached calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year

Transportation:
Will run routes as normal on both Blue and Gold Scheduled Days

Breakfast/Lunches:
Served as normal for students attending on Blue/Gold scheduled days
Information forthcoming for Virtual Days

SEARCH:
Students who qualify for SEARCH will still attend the program. Information regarding those procedures is forthcoming.

Choctaw-Nicoma Park will continue to monitor state and community spread of COVID-19. The plans in the document are subject to change as new information becomes available or as new situations arise related to COVID-19. We thank each family for your patience and support as we navigate these unprecedented times together.

“Alone we can do so little, TOGETHER we can do so much.”