Deer Creek Antlers returning to school in a healthy, safe and orderly manner.

We are preparing to return to school in a traditional format for the 2020-2021 school year. In an effort for all students to remain Antlers and learn from our Deer Creek staff, we will be offering different pathways of learning for our students. Each family may request the learning pathway that best suits their child's needs and learning styles. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional-remote learning unless the application, intake process and eligibility is completed and finalized for blended or virtual learning. Deer Creek will continue to monitor community spread and adjust this plan accordingly. As we navigate through these ever changing times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff and families.

Traditional - Remote Learning

Virtual

Blended
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Deer Creek has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students. Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced. Efforts will be made to have hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations available. Upon notification of a positive COVID case in a building, a classroom and/or school will be closed and cleaned. During class or school closure, remote learning will be implemented.

The graduation ceremony for the Deer Creek class of 2020 is scheduled for August 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Deer Creek Football stadium. Each graduate may invite up to 4 guests in order to establish the safest environment possible for our graduates and families. A live feed will be available for those who cannot attend.

For the 2020-2021 school year, each family will have a choice for their pathway of learning. Deer Creek will conduct normal school operations when ZERO to LOW cases of COVID exist in the community. Deer Creek will activate remote learning for all students when there is MEDIUM to HIGH community spread.

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It is important that all families partner with us in monitoring the health of your students and families. We ask that temperatures be taken on a daily basis at home. No student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher without medicine may enter any Deer Creek facility. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students and staff that students remotely learn on days they have a fever or any symptoms of illness. Remote learning will not count against attendance if the student completes their online lessons in the allotted time frame.

Deer Creek will make every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Physical Distancing will be implemented as possible. Masks will not be required but are highly recommended for all staff and students. Deer Creek strongly recommends the wearing of masks on the school bus and in highly populated areas. Our health staff will monitor reportable illnesses. CDC guidance will be utilized for quarantine. Masks are not required but recommended if there is ZERO to LOW community spread. Masks will be required when feasible, if there is MEDIUM to HIGH community spread. Deer Creek will follow county, city, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.

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Option 1: Traditional - Remote Learning

On-Campus Instruction
- All courses/classes taken at regularly assigned school site
- In-person instruction
- Traditional academic school day
- Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) will be used in coordination with on-campus instruction (link below)
- Transition as needed between in-class and remote learning*

Remote Learning Days
- Determined by the district, city, or state in the event of an outbreak*

- Can be utilized by individual families in the event of student exposure/illness resulting in quarantine
- Counts as a school day (not a traditional absence if student completes online lessons within the allotted time)
- Virtual coursework via Canvas LMS
- Students continue to learn new material with teacher support
- Opportunities for students to collaborate and learn by interacting virtually with peers/teachers
- May include pre-recorded or live lessons/tutorials
- Regular support and contact from Deer Creek teachers until on-campus class can resume

Option 2: Blended

- Grade 7-12 students report through Deer Creek Academy (DCA) and school site
- Requires semester commitment
- Combines traditional classes with virtual coursework via Edmentum (link below)
- Student learning plans are directed and monitored by Deer Creek teachers
- At least one course is taken on campus; majority of classes are virtual
- Transportation will only be offered during the regular a.m. and p.m. routes.
- Certain courses may incur a fee
- Application process required

Option 3: Full Virtual

- Students report through Deer Creek Academy (DCA) virtually
- Requires semester commitment
- Student takes all courses online via Edmentum, away from campus (see below)
- Student learning plans are directed and monitored by Deer Creek teachers
- Classes do not require regular on-campus attendance
- Certain courses may incur a fee
- Application process required

*In addition to potential school closures due to COVID-19, these 3 options may be used as remote learning days in the event of cancellations including, but not limited to, inclement weather or other unforeseen factors.

**All Deer Creek students will participate in required on-site state testing.

Click the icons below for more information
What is Blended Learning?
A Blended Learning Program “blends” traditional classes with virtual classes offered to students beginning in the seventh grade. A “Blended Learner” is enrolled in both traditional and virtual courses taught and directed by a Deer Creek instructor. If eligible, the student may work on his/her virtual courses at home or at Deer Creek Academy in a blended flex lab, but at least one course is taken at school in a traditional classroom. The Blended Learning option is a minimum of a one semester commitment. Transportation is only provided at regular route times. Transportation throughout the school day will be the responsibility of the parent or student.

What is Virtual Learning?
A Virtual Learning Program means the student takes all of his/her courses in a virtual setting away from the school. A Deer Creek teacher directs the instruction. Tutoring, assistance and assessments will be given at an agreed upon location, but no classes require regular physical attendance. The Virtual Learning option is a minimum of a one semester commitment. Virtual learning is offered PreK-12.

Do I have to live in the district to apply for a learning pathway?
Yes.

Do I have to declare which learning pathway I want my child(ren) to participate in?
Each family must complete online registration in Infinite Campus. Each enrolled student will participate in traditional-remote learning unless the application, intake process and eligibility is completed and finalized for blended or virtual learning. Please CLICK HERE for the blended/virtual application.

How do I enroll my student in blended or virtual learning?
If interested in the blended or virtual option, an application and intake process must be completed and finalized. Some students may not meet the requirements for the program. The appropriateness of these options for individuals will be determined through the application and intake process.
What is Canvas?
Canvas is a learning management system/portal where students will access their assignments, communication and grades. The system streamlines all the digital tools and content that teachers and students use, for a simpler, more connected, learning experience.

What is Edmentum?
Edmentum is a content management system that provides an online/digital learning curriculum for students who wish to learn in a fulltime virtual classroom setting.

Why would there be a fee for some courses in Edmentum?
If the course does not already exist in Deer Creek, there will be a fee as Deer Creek will be required to pay Edmentum for an instructor and course content.

What transportation will be offered for students who choose the virtual or blended learning pathway?
Transportation will only be offered during the regular a.m. and p.m. routes. Transportation throughout the school day will be the responsibility of the parent or student.

When will we use Remote Learning?
Remote learning will be used when school is closed due to COVID, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Remote learning days may be added to the regular school calendar in an effort to prepare students and staff for longer school closures.

Will all athletics, electives, and fine arts classes continue to be offered at all current levels and will there be any restrictions?
Depending on the level of community spread, all athletics and activities will continue as planned with extra measures taken to ensure the safety of students and staff. Additional measures may be implemented as needed.

Will the school district calendar change for 2020-2021?
It is our goal for the calendar dates to stay the same, however, the district may schedule remote learning days within the school dates that already exist.

What determines the level of community spread?
Deer Creek will work with the State Department of Health, State Department of Education and state epidemiologists to determine the levels for LOW, MEDIUM, and HIGH community spread.
Where will the information come from regarding the number of cases for community spread?
Deer Creek will monitor the number of COVID cases in our community through the Oklahoma State Health Department. Deer Creek will follow any mandates set forth from the county, city or state.

Why will temperatures not be taken upon entering the school building?
Entering the school building is not the first contact for many students. A student's first contact may be at the bus stops, early morning activities, carpools, before school daycare, parking lots, etc. Temperatures can be an indicator of a variety of illnesses and is not necessarily the first indicator of COVID. Deer Creek has always asked that students remain home if they have a temperature without medicine. We need our parents to partner with us in order to keep all children and staff safe by self regulating symptoms and temperature checks.

If masks were in the "recommendation" phase, would there be times our student(s) would be "required" to wear a mask?
Depending on the level of community spread, schools may implement Mask Zones and Mask Free Zones. There may be certain staff members who are considered in the vulnerable population. The teacher or school site may ask the students in a particular class to wear masks in an effort to allow that staff member the ability to come to work and teach as well as keep that staff member as safe as possible.

What is considered a 'highly populated' area where masks are recommended?
Depending on the level of community spread, schools may implement Mask Zones and Mask Free Zones. Highly populated areas in our school sites would be larger classrooms, gymnasiums, hallways/passing times, larger gatherings such as assemblies and cafeterias.

What will be used for hand sanitizing?
Deer Creek will have hand sanitizer stations at main entries, hand sanitizer in classrooms, hand sanitizer on school busses and wipes as an alternative for those who are not able to use hand sanitizer.
How can I help the school as a parent?

- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, masks, no touch thermometers, and additional school supplies would be helpful at each site.
- Taking your child’s temperature on a daily basis prior to them leaving the house.
- Keeping students home if they exhibit any symptoms of any illness.
- Keeping students quarantined for 14 days if they have had any exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID.
- Preparing your home and child with supplies and devices for remote learning if possible and feasible.
- Letting your child’s teacher or school know if you need assistance with internet access, devices, or meals.
- Having masks or other appropriate face coverings available for students to have at school if needed.
- Openly communicating any concerns directly with your child’s teacher or school site.
- Encouraging your child to wear a mask, if feasible, to assist in protecting our staff who may be in the vulnerable population.
- Working with the school site as they change visitor protocols and the check in/check out processes as warranted.
- Assisting with COVID tracing through the State Health Department.

Graduation Tickets:
Each family will receive 4 tickets. Those 4 tickets will be seated together in an effort to promote safe social distancing. For health reasons, all family members must enter and sit together. A live feed will be available for those who cannot attend the ceremony. Further information and guidance will be sent from Deer Creek High School two (2) weeks prior to the graduation ceremony.

Additional practices to be implemented:
- Requesting that students use their own school supplies and share as little as possible
- Requesting that students bring their own water bottle and not use water fountains in a traditional way. Water fountains will be available for bottle refills.
- Requesting that students bring their own device, if applicable, to school daily in order to access learning assignments and prep for remote learning days

Devices:
If you are interested in purchasing a device for your student to avoid sharing of devices at school, we have listed below some district recommendations.

Chromebook  MacBook  iPad  Tablet  Laptop

Please Note: The Return To Learn Plan and the FAQs will be updated as more or new information becomes available.
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