

ASTEC Charter School

Return to Full Time In Person Learning

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(Reviewed every six months through July 2024)

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Virtual Learning

Virtual learning will remain an option for students with verified medical needs that prevent in person learning. Virtual learning will take place through Google Classroom and Google Meet in a synchronous instruction model.

Equity

In addressing the issue of equity, ASTEC surveyed all students to discover who has access to a device and internet access at home. ASTEC contacted those without a device or internet, and loaned them an ASTEC device for the duration of the school year. ASTEC has also shared information regarding free and reduced price internet access to those without that capability. Hot Spots are made available on a limited basis for those who qualify. Any student who cannot access the internet at home will not be approved for virtual learning. For the 2021-22 school year students will continue to be able to check out devices for home use.

School Safety

All school safety measures are in compliance with ASTEC Charter School's Pandemic Policy. Refer to the attached policy for guidance concerning return to school in the event of exposure to COVID-19 or visiting areas or sites deemed to be high risk areas for transmission.

Student and Staff Screening

- All staff will have their temperature taken and logged each day upon entering the building. Staff reports to the secretary at their respective building upon arriving to have it checked. Anyone with a temperature above 99 degrees will be required to remain at home until they are system
- All staff will be strongly encouraged to wear masks. Everyone will social distance.
- Parents are required to check their children's temperature each day. If a child has a temperature of 99 or higher they must stay home and advise the school. (They will be allowed to participate through distance learning) Students with a fever must not return to school until they provide a negative test result for COVID-19..
- If students come to school and complain of abdominal pain and/or headaches, they will be isolated until a parent/guardian can pick them up.
- Doors are locked and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. .

Safety Measures

- All staff members are strongly encouraged to wear masks that cover the nose and mouth, and carry disinfectant and wipes for touching doors, buttons, etc.

- All students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth to school. In the event the governor declares a state of emergency in Oklahoma County ASTEC will consult with the county health department to institute a mask mandate.
- Most classrooms have their own bathrooms. Soap and paper towels will be filled regularly.
- Hand sanitation stations are placed throughout the facilities.
- Plastic circles with velcro backing are placed throughout the building for social distancing markers.
- All hallway traffic will go in one direction. Arrows on the floor will remind the students of the direction.
- Extra janitorial staff will be on hand throughout the day to continually wipe down and disinfect surfaces.
- ASTEC janitorial will use a disinfectant mister throughout the facility several times a week. This mister sprays the entire area in a 360* manner.
- ASTEC Charter Schools will maintain groups of children in no more than 25 per classroom, until such time these guidelines are amended and will maintain a 3-foot distancing capacity between children as much as possible.
- Class changes and dismissal will be staggered to accommodate social distancing.
- Vocal Music and competitive athletics will be offered in the 2021-22 school year.
- ASTEC with the help of the Indian Health Services offered opportunities for ASTEC scholars and families to obtain Covid vaccinations on site over the summer.

Water Fountains

Students must bring their own water bottle each day. The water bottle should be no larger than 20 oz. Water fountains are available for bottle fill only. No one will be allowed to drink from the water fountains, and the water fountains will be cleaned each class period during the day.

Busses

Bus travel will be limited as much as possible. When students are transported on busses they will be limited to one person per seat.. The bus seats and surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectant before each use.

Driveline

Driveline dismissal will continue to operate as during blended learning with students remaining in classrooms while waiting for their pick up vehicle to arrive. One change will be implemented with the sixth and ninth grade scholars congregating socially distanced outside in the driveline.

Attendance

In the event ASTEC returns to virtual learning, students must physically be in attendance on the day they are scheduled to be on campus to be counted as present. Virtual students attendance will be based on logging into Google Meets for each class period and completing assignments. Attendance will be recorded in Powerschool, and state attendance laws and ASTEC policies will apply.

The teacher will assign due dates for all assignments. Assignments are due by 11:59 PM on the day assigned.

Grading

Students will receive a minimum of 3 grades per week in each class. All assignments will be subject to grading.

Addressing Learning Loss During Distance Learning

ASTEC offers opportunities to scholars in the summer and during the school year to address skills and knowledge gaps that developed during distance learning. Student needs are identified through teacher grades, formative assessments, and state testing program assessments. ASTEC offers a Fast Track For Success program in the summer to address learning loss. Incentives are offered for attendance and completion.

ASTEC employs a Dean of Student Success who focuses on the performance and needs of ASTEC's special education and English Language Learner students analyzing achievement levels and programming needs.

Child Nutrition and Food Service

High school and middle school students will eat lunch and breakfast in classrooms. Elementary school students will eat in the cafeteria. ASTEC contracts with a food vendor and coordinates for healthy options and the logistics for serving and cleaning up.

ASTEC continues to operate our food pantry and is surveying staff and families to identify those families who may not have previously needed access to the food pantry.

Ventilation

ASTEC changes HVAC filters on a regular basis, and is utilizing ESSER monies to install a virus killing lighting system to mitigate for Covid.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation.html>

Counseling and Social Emotional Learning

ASTEC works with staff sharing resources and providing professional development targeted at the identified needs of our scholars. Teachers communicate with the counseling staff concerning students in need of additional support, and the counseling staff contacts families to provide information concerning coping with the stress of the current world situation and outside resources that are available.

Facebook messaging makes the families aware of the availability of resources. In addition, ASTEC utilizes ESSER funds to purchase a social and emotional learning program as a resource for counselors to use with students who need support.