

Safe Return to School

Fall 2022

DC West Community Schools has completed two years of school for all students, every day, all day during the pandemic. For another year of success with in-school learning, we continue to need the valued partnership between school and home to continue.

We stand behind our district mission and are prepared to educate our students in a safe environment.

Douglas County West Community Schools creates passionate learners by maximizing student achievement through dynamic learning experiences which inspire and provide a quality education for all students within a safe and community-supported environment.

We continue working closely with our state and local health officials as needed. We believe that the best educational option for students is to be in our schools with our teachers. We know this has and continues to be a very difficult time and understand there will be individual situations and circumstances. We will work with families to address those situations. We will continue to collaborate with health professionals to monitor and adjust our plans moving forward.

The DC West Safe Return to School document outlines plans we will implement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2022-2023 school year. It is understood that circumstances could remain fluid and may change as the year progresses. Final decisions will be dependent upon guidance and requirements from state and local officials.

DC West Belief Statements Related to the Pandemic

- Students can learn and develop through successful experiences.
- Students will be provided educational opportunities that challenge him/her to meet his/her full potential.
- The district is accountable to the community for student performance and fiscal responsibility.
- Physical and emotional safety is essential for learning.
- A positive learning and teaching environment can be created through courtesy and mutual respect for the dignity of every person.
- The educational process should prepare students to live with and affect change.
- Students, parents and teachers share the responsibility for learning.
- Public education is the responsibility of the entire community.

Student and Staff Attendance

- Students/staff should stay home when they are not feeling well. If staff or students have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms, they may follow the [CDC guidance](#) for quarantine and isolation if needed.
- If anyone in the student's/staff's home has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they may follow the [CDC guidance](#) for quarantine and isolation, and those absences will be excused. If students are exposed, yet healthy enough to attend, they will be asked to self monitor and isolate if symptoms present.

DC West Communicable Disease Policy

The school district's ongoing response to manage cases of COVID-19 will rely on an individual's personal responsibility in monitoring, testing, and communicating when they are positive with COVID-19. The district will follow the adopted Communicable Diseases Board Policy 5409 when responding to cases of COVID-19 in the schools.