

# PULASKI ACADEMY



*Stronger Together:*

A Guide for the 2020–2021 School Year







Dear Pulaski Academy Community,

While the words “Stronger Together” certainly reflect the inherent strength and resilience of our school community, they also particularly evoke the tremendous cooperation, teamwork, and dedication of our students, parents, and faculty/staff, as we all pulled together to work through the challenging last months of the school year. The “Stronger Together” motto is also quite apt because it captures our excitement about returning to school in August with in-person instruction, and this guide includes substantive information about what our return to campus will look like. While in-person instruction is our goal, we are also preparing for a number of other different contingencies and scenarios, which are outlined in this guide as well. Throughout our planning process, the work of our Re-entry Task Force has been driven by the following priorities:

- Protecting the health and safety of our students, parents, employees, and all PA Community members
- Compliance with CDC and ADH guidelines
- Adherence to governmental orders and restrictions
- Providing a relevant, stimulating educational experience of the highest quality that is driven by our Mission and Vision
- Clarity and candor in our communications with our families

As we all know, our operating environment is a very fluid one, and we will continue to update you as the summer progresses. We cannot wait to see everyone back on campus in August!

Sincerely yours,

Matt Walsh, President and Head of School  
and Pulaski Academy Board of Trustees





Many adaptations will occur on the Pulaski Academy campus beginning this August, but as always, PA is a place where tradition and innovation intersect. As families prepare for the first day of class, certain expectations remain the same. Please review the **Summer and Back to School Resource Guide** for details regarding classroom supplies, summer reading and assignments, handbooks and dress code information, and textbook ordering details for MS

and US. Mark your calendar with important upcoming dates and expect an email regarding event format and specific details in early August.

July **17**

**MS/US Schedules go live and online bookstore opens**

August **7**

**ECS/LS Class Lists posted**

August **14**

**Lower School Parent Orientation**

**Middle School New Student Orientation**

**Upper School New Student Orientation**

August **16**

**Middle and Upper School Parent Open House**

August **17**

**Early Childhood Parent Orientation**

August **18**

**First Day of School!**



While specific decisions and plans are still being finalized through the work of the Re-entry Task Force and public health guidance updates that continue to be issued, changes in the following areas are to be expected when the campus reopens. Parents and students should look for detailed communication before classes resume in August and expect to see informative signage around campus concerning enhanced policies.

Additional information related to the campus reopening and what to expect during the 2020-2021 school year, including the areas mentioned below, is available at [pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether](https://pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether).



Modified group events to adhere to crowd and distancing guidelines



A Tailored Learning Scenario to ensure distancing and safety practices



Masks required for all Kindergarten through 12th grade students on campus



Student drop off and pick up procedure modifications



Faculty, Staff, Adult visitors, and ECS students will be health screened daily



Dining Hall and lunch procedure adjustments



Bussing adjustments to accommodate distancing standards



Enhanced protocols for athletics, youth sports, and extracurriculars



Sanitization and cleaning processes



Modification of campus access points for building entry



Updated campus visitor policy





The Re-entry Task Force has developed several plans for both on-campus and remote learning environments\*, and faculty will be prepared to flow between instructional modalities as called for. As guidelines and directives from the regulating agencies are employed, the same high quality academic experience will be provided regardless of which scenario the climate requires we enter. The Board of Trustees and School leadership will assess the ADH and CDC data in addition to the general wellness of our community to determine which learning scenario will be implemented when school opens and to determine when flowing between scenarios is appropriate throughout the academic year. An overview of each scenario is available at [pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether](https://pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether).

*\*Preschool classes will be following directives from the Department of Human services regarding on campus learning, allowing those classes to remain open if the remainder of the school enters a remote learning scenario.*

## On Campus Learning

If the school is permitted to be open and if the risk of school community spread of COVID-19 is manageable, a Tailored Learning Scenario will be implemented. The Tailored Learning scenario is moderately restrictive and involves elements of the established PA daily routine with varied elements throughout the day to ensure distancing and protective practices are adhered to. Established practices may be utilized in new ways.

[Details Found Here](#)

## Remote Learning

If schools are not permitted to be open and/or there is a significant risk of transmitting COVID-19 within the school community, remote learning will be implemented. The closure could be school wide, by division, by grade level, or by classroom as circumstances dictate.

If a student is symptomatic, ill, quarantined, or potentially exposed to COVID-19 but well enough to complete schoolwork, on-campus classrooms will be digitally distributed.

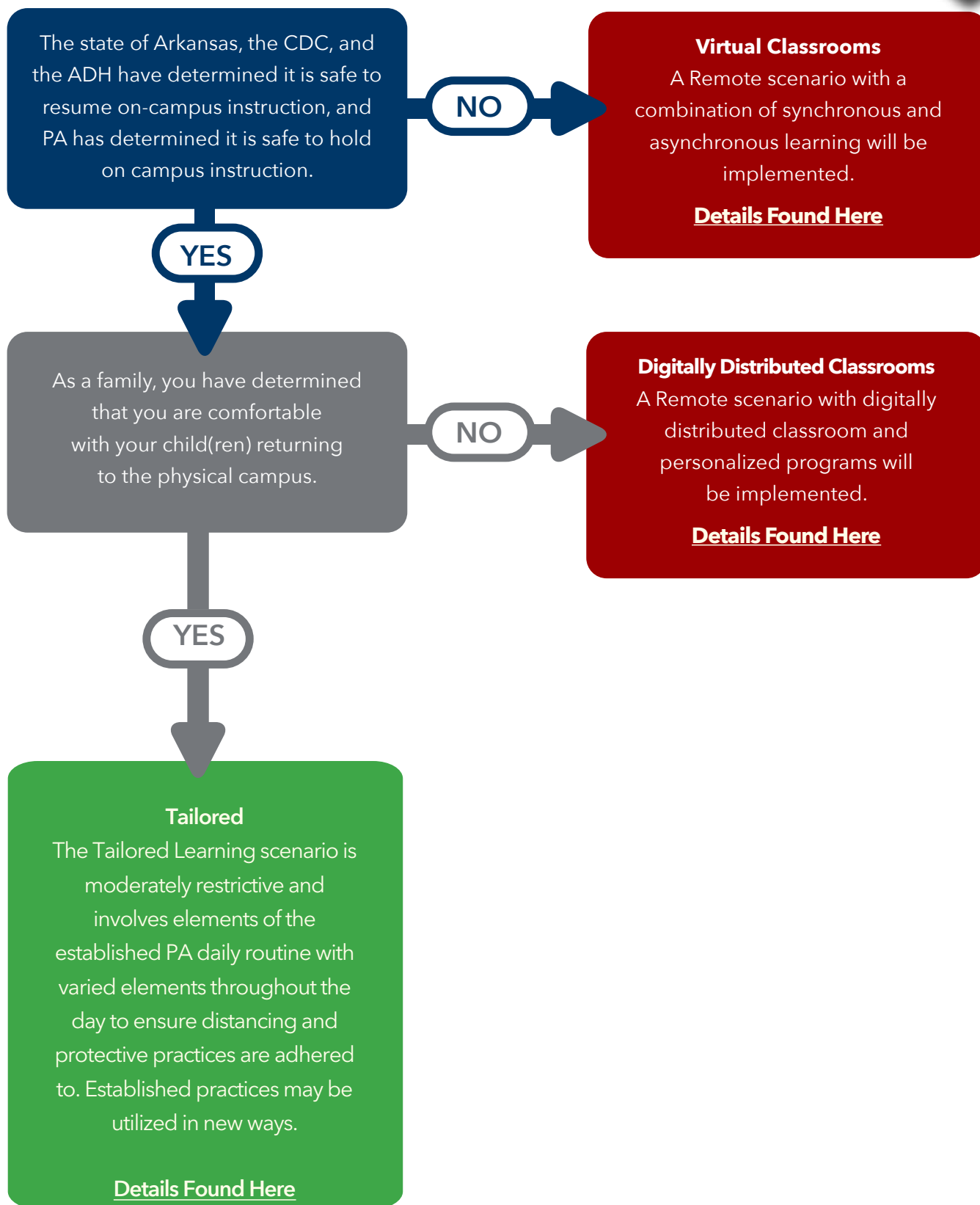
**Additionally, a family may not feel comfortable having their child(ren) on campus in a customary school setting.**

If electing for a student to learn remotely beginning on August 18, 2020, please complete the Remote Learning form to indicate your commitment by **July 31**.

ECS/LS Remote Learning

MS/US Remote Learning









Based on the recommended guidelines from the CDC and the ADH, the School is working to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for students and faculty. Federal and state guidelines and directives are being monitored, and updates and adjustments to the School's plans are ongoing as new information becomes available. The School has planned for appropriate modifications in the following areas:

- Training for faculty/staff and students regarding behaviors that promote a healthy school environment
- Teaching and reinforcing good hygiene and respiratory etiquette
- Enforcing limited contact practices
- Monitoring and tracking student health and COVID-19 related absences
- Administering health screenings for visitors
- Following sanitization guidelines set for by the CDC and ADH
- Utilizing PPE by faculty, staff, and students
- Enhancing daily cleaning protocols for weight rooms, bathrooms, classroom, lunchrooms, and all high touch areas in common spaces
- Implementing systems for cleaning a building following the presence of an ill individual





Protocols from the Arkansas Activities Association will be followed and adjusted as needed. Current guidelines based on the youth sports directive may be found [here](#).

Student gatherings including club meetings and after school activities will be determined based on the learning scenario. More information will be provided on the [pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether](https://pulaskiacademy.org/strongertogether) landing page as it becomes available.



In all on campus learning scenarios, lunch will continue to be provided by SAGE Dining. Depending on the scenario, students may alternate days they eat in the classroom and days they eat in the dining halls. In all scenarios, the following can be expected:

- Students may bring lunch from home
- Breakfast items will be provided for US students
- A touchless checkout system for SAGE purchases will be implemented
- Food delivery services are not permitted
- Parent lunch drop off is not permitted

## *Personal and Community Health*

The school has designed courses of action for instances where a student has been exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19, has related symptoms, has tested positive, or is requiring a period of quarantine. If any of these circumstances apply to your family, please contact Shana Tedder, our COVID-19 response coordinator.

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