

Pinnacle Canyon Academy



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The following letter is to inform you as to how Pinnacle will reopen in this school year. We acknowledge the struggle that many of you, as parents, feel about sending your children to school and support you in whatever decision to make in terms of how your child will receive their education this school year. We have a third of our students who will be staying home and receiving on-line education from the school, this option is open to every student and, as the date approaches for students to attend, please know that staying home and receiving online delivery of education will be supported and delivered by our school. We ask that if your child is returning to full time attendance that you begin having your child practice wearing a mask now, the first time they attend school should not be the first time they wear a mask. If you could do this for your child, the first day will be much smoother.

Registration will be August 4th and 5th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the high school parking lot, or you can register online. We encourage everyone to register online! The online registration can be accessed by going to www.pcaschool.com and clicking the “register online” link. You can also click, the free and reduced school lunch application can be accessed by going to <http://www.myschoollunchapp.com>.

Pinnacle school administration authored the plan to reopen school on Monday, August 17 and submitted it to the state as requested by the Governor. We wanted to share some of the guiding principles that will inform how we will reopen in order to support our two key goals: **(1) ensure the safety of students, teachers and staff, and (2) keep our school open for as long as possible to prevent another soft closure with only remote learning.**

- 1. Everyone who enters Pinnacle’s campus or rides the school bus will wear a MASK at all times.**
(per the *State Public Health Order Regarding Face Coverings in K-12 Schools* - FAQ July 17, 2020).
- 2. To mitigate when social distancing isn’t possible, measures have been taken to keep our school buses as safe as possible. An aide will be on each school bus to ensure that** (1) temperatures are taken before students get on the bus, (2) family members sit together on the bus and (3) everyone wears their mask on the bus.
- 3. Everyone who enters Pinnacle’s campus will have their temperature taken daily.**
Students will have temperatures taken before they get on a school bus and before they leave the car when they are dropped off.
- 4. Handwashing will be a priority through the school day. Students will be instructed how to properly wash their hands and will be reminded to wash their hands often.**
- 5. Students, staff and teachers will be sent home if they have a fever.** Febrile reaction is defined medically as 100.1F or higher.
- 6. Parents/Guardians must follow a symptom monitoring checklist for each student.**
To help prevent the spread of disease, sick children must stay home.
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

7. **Students will be required to have the following supplies every day:** ELEMENTARY: a backpack, a mask, a zippered pouch for basic supplies such as pencils, pens, erasers, glue stick, crayons and scissors and SECONDARY: a large binder (3") and a zippered pouch for supplies (pens, pencils, erasers). Calculators will be assigned to individual students. If there are problems getting these supplies for your students, please contact Kerry Welch in the Counseling Department for support (welchk@pantheremail.com or call 435-613-8102 after August 3).
8. **iPads will be assigned to each student.** All students will have an iPad assigned to them and will go home daily with them to access assignments in preparation for a potential soft closure. Students will be asked to complete at least one simple task at home so that they will know how to use their iPad and access their schoolwork.
9. **Pinnacle will limit all large gatherings.** Back to school night and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually. **If your child is playing a sport, check with the coach about attending sporting events. At this point, we prefer no spectators. If allowed, it will only be parents.** Pinnacle will refrain from large assemblies and will stream assemblies into individual classrooms.
10. **Elementary Home Visits have been suspended.** Elementary teachers will **not** be visiting homes this year but will set up phone calls and/or virtual meetings to meet your student.
11. **Students will eat lunch in classrooms.** To help with contact tracing and mitigate the potential spread of disease, students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
12. **What happens if there is a confirmed positive case(s) or if someone has been exposed to COVID-19 at Pinnacle?** If someone has a confirmed positive case goes home for 14 days and returns to school only when cleared by a doctor. Parents will be contacted if there is a confirmed case in the Secondary or Elementary.
13. **Outside recess will look different in the Elementary.** After having their temperature taken, students will move directly into the building to their classrooms. There will be no large gathering in the mornings or at recess. Class recess schedules will be staggered to prevent large groups of children from mixing on the playground. Classes will use the grass field to maximize distance for P.E. and recess.
14. **Families have an option of choosing the learning format--remote learning, part-time learning or face-to-face learning onsite.**
15. **To minimize the potential spread of disease, no visitors will be allowed in the building.** Parents can call in to pick up students and the office will send them out to their car.

This plan is subject to change based on current recommendations from our local health department and the Utah State Board of Education. We are looking forward to seeing all your students when school reopens. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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