

# Roadmap to Reopening 2020-2021

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#### **Guiding Principles**

Five principles will be used to guide all planning, decision making, and execution of plans during the 2020-2021 school year.

- 1. PRS will be transparent. We will share what we know and what we do not know and be clear about what we can control and what is outside of our control.
- 2. PRS will be equitable. We will center decisions on what is best for all learners, families, and lead learners.
- 3. PRS will listen. We will bring together diverse stakeholders and experts to understand realities on the ground and to surface creative solutions.
- 4. PRS will put safety first. We will leverage science, data, and public health leadership to inform choices we make.
- 5. PRS will be decisive. Given the size and scope of the challenge, we must move deliberately and make tough choices. We may need to adapt and if so, we will adapt quickly.



July 3, 2020

Dear PRJH Patriot Family,

Over the past several months we have faced an unprecedented public health crisis due to the COVID-19 and the far reaching social, emotional, and physical consequences that have touched our community. The Pike Road Schools staff have worked tirelessly to build a plan that will allow our learners, lead learners, administration and support staff to return back to school for the 2020-2021 school year.

As we look towards the 2020-2021 school year, we recognize the possibilities of challenges that might arise throughout the year. The Pike Road Jr High School's Road Map to Reopening is intended to address the questions about the coming school year and the challenges that COVID-19 presents while we provide a safe school environment. The PRJH Road Map to Reopening is a living document that has the flexibility to be revised and updated as our learning environment requires throughout the school year.

The 2020-2021 school year will present its challenges, but Pike Road Jr High School is committed to making this school year the best by focusing on our social, emotional, and physical well-being while we strive to achieve academic success. I would like to take this moment to say thank you to the Pike Road Community in all of the support that we have received in making our inaugural year at PRJH a successful endeavor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jason Hadden

Principal

#### Our Mission, Vision, and Beliefs

#### The Pike Road Way

The strength of Pike Road Schools is grounded in our sincere desire to create a culture of intellectual curiosity. We are fearless about doing what is best for our learners. We refer to how we do things as "**The Pike Road Way**."

Our Mission: To create a culture of intellectual curiosity where all students have ownership over their learning and are inspired to think, innovate, and create.

**Our Vision:** Our students are **lifelong learners** who use their knowledge, skills, and influence to make the world a better place.

#### **Our Beliefs**

Intellectual growth occurs when learners are **genuinely engaged** in their learning.

Students are more engaged when they are **solving real problems** for a real audience.

Meaningful learning can occur any time and at any location.

Learners will do challenging work when **failure** is embraced as a valuable part of the learning process and they **feel safe and valued**.

Community members are valuable partners and must be involved in their schools.

All members of the school community should treat each other like **family**.

Every member of the school community contributes to student learning and should be a **continuous learner**.

Teachers are **designers**, **facilitators**, **navigators**, **mentors**, **encouragers**, and **leaders** who continuously work on improving the learning experiences designed for students and are highly respected experts who have a global impact on teaching and learning.

Parents are valuable partners and members of the school community.

The superintendent and principals are **lead learners** and are highly respected experts who have a global impact on teaching and learning.

The superintendent and school board function as a **team**, advocate for students, create capacity and build community.

## Governance and Operations Calendar

Pike Road Schools will follow the 2020-2021 school calendar approved by the board of education on June 22, 2020.

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Schools Closed/
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Last Day of
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(No School for Students)

## Governance and Operations Technology Devices

Pike Road Schools (PRS) offers learners access to a variety of technology resources to encourage intellectual curiosity and empower learner ownership of learning.

All Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade learners at Pike Road Schools have access to district-owned devices. Learners at Pike Road Elementary use iPads. All learners in Community Two and Three are assigned an iPad to use. Learners in Kindergarten and Community One share iPads in the classroom.

At Pike Road Intermediate school, all learners are assigned a device to use. In Community 4, learners use iPads. In Communities 5 and 6, learners use Chromebooks.

At Pike Road Junior High and High School, all learners will be assigned a Chromebook.

For learners who decide to take advantage of our remote learning program, we will designate times for them to check out devices at each campus during the first two weeks of the school year. Parents will be able to drive up and receive a device through their car window.

Families who do not have Internet access at home should contact IT Support for help finding public wifi and connecting with service providers.

If at any time a learner needs technical support they or their parents can contact our IT Department. To submit a ticket, email <a href="mailto:itsupport@pikeroadschools.org">itsupport@pikeroadschools.org</a>. While our technology team will review and address tickets throughout the day, we are dedicating specific times each day to address tickets for remote learners. Typically, this will occur between 1:00 and 2:00 each day.

## Health and Safety Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting

Pike Road Schools' existing procedures and protocols have been revised to ensure the safety of learners, lead learners, and visitors and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### Building, classroom and common areas:

Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom and in strategic common spaces. Soap and paper towels will be stocked at sinks, and hand washing or sanitizing will be encouraged often.

School spaces and high touch areas will be cleaned throughout the day.

Select drinking fountains will be retrofitted with bottle fillers, all others will be turned off. <u>Please send a water bottle to school with your child daily</u>.

PRS staff will teach and reinforce good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette to include washing or sanitizing hands after using a tissue.

COVID-19 prevention signage will be posted at all entrances and throughout the buildings.

#### Food and nutritional service areas:

Procedures for meal service will ensure as much distancing as is feasible, and provide adequate supervision to ensure mask policy adherence in transitions and in café lines.

#### **Transportation:**

Learners must be registered with the transportation department prior to boarding the bus either in the morning or afternoon. Buses will be sanitized at the end of the morning and afternoon routes and between midday routes. Signage will be posted on the bus regarding symptoms of COVID-19. Drivers will be screened daily for symptoms prior to beginning their route. Masks and/or face shields will be worn by drivers. Learners will be expected to wear masks while on the bus and will have assigned seats they will be required to sit in. Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entrance of each bus for learners to use upon entering.

## Health and Safety Physical Health and Well-Being

The physical health and well-being of everyone associated with Pike Road Schools is our primary focus as we reopen and maintain safe schools.

#### **Routine Health Screening**

<u>Parents will be required to screen their learners each morning for fever and/or COVID-19 symptoms.</u>
Sick learners should not be sent to school with <u>symptoms that align with COVID-19</u>. These symptoms should be treated as presumed infection until diagnosed otherwise.

Symptomatic learners will not be allowed on the bus to or from school. <u>If your learner becomes sick at school they must be picked up, and will not be allowed to ride the bus home.</u>

A visual screening of learners will be conducted upon arrival at school and any learner suspected of COVID-19 symptoms will be sent for an evaluation in the nurse's office.

Learners or staff suspected of illness will be evaluated in the nurse's office. Anyone presenting with a fever over 100.0 or two COVID-19 symptoms will be required to leave campus until cleared to return by a physician or such time that they have recovered according to <a href="CDC recommendations">CDC recommendations</a> for recovery.

If your learner becomes ill one of these requirements must be met in order for your learner to return to school:

- 1. Your medical provider has diagnosed an illness other than COVID-19 and cleared your learner to return. A doctor's note stating this must be provided.
- 2. You have negative test results for COVID-19 and no symptoms. Test results must be provided.
- 3. It has been at least 10 days past your learner's first clinical diagnosed or observed symptom(s).
  - a. Your child has been fever free for at least 72 hours without fever reducing medication.
  - b. Your child's symptoms are improving.

Learners who are not allowed to return to school will be able to participate in remote learning opportunities.

#### **Health and Safety Practices**

Social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment can help safeguard learning environments and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All learners and staff will be required to wear a cloth or disposable face mask as practicable within all school buildings, athletic facilities, and buses. School and district administrators will determine the need for masks based on guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE). Please provide a mask for your learner on a daily basis. It is recommended that you have multiple cloth masks at home for each learner so that they can be properly laundered between uses.

#### Entryways/Hallways:

Traffic patterns through the hallways may be altered to reduce the number of learner interactions.

#### Classrooms:

Learner interaction may be limited in the classroom depending on guidance from the ADPH and the ALSDE. Sharing of personal items among learners will be limited.

The use of communal classroom items may be limited to small groups.

Restrooms: The number of learners allowed into restrooms may be limited to reduce the number of learner interactions.
Cafeteria: The number of learners in the cafeteria may be limited. Outside seating will be considered as appropriate. Masks will be worn in line in the lunchroom unless determined to be unnecessary by administrators as determined by guidance from the ADPH and the ALSDE
School Office: All visitors will be required to wear a mask upon entering the building.

#### **Learning Framework**

Lead learner(s) will facilitate learning experiences with your child in both traditional and remote contexts that will integrate/align to ALSDE critical standards while also providing opportunities for creativity, curiosity, and discovery.

#### **Learning Environment**

To meet the individual needs of our Pike Road Junior High School learners, we will provide families with the option to choose between three modes of learning for the 2020-2021 school year:

- 1. Traditional Learning
- 2. Blended Learning
- 3. Remote Learning

Please reference the below information for a more detailed description of each mode of learning.

#### **Traditional Learning:**

- Learners will physically attend school at the Georgia Washington Historic Campus.
- Learners will use Summit Learning for core courses.

#### **Blended Learning:**

- Learners will complete learning both on campus and remotely, creating a blended model of learning.
- Learners will use Summit Learning for core courses.
- Learners will use SchoolsPLP for Career & Technical Education and other elective courses.

#### Remote Learning:

- Learners will complete all courses in a remote setting.
- Learners will use Summit Learning for all core classes. They will use SchoolsPLP for Career & Technical Education and other elective courses.
- Learners will be supported by lead learners while completing course content in the remote setting.

#### Communication

Pike Road Junior High School recognizes the importance of maintaining an authentic educational partnership with all stakeholders. We will strive to meet this goal by utilizing the following communication platforms (including but not limited to):

- E-Mail (class-wide emails with no more than 2 per week) Learners/Parents must be diligent in reading each email that is received.
- SchoolCast School Website
- Password Protected Live Video Conference (parent/student conference)
- INOW/Chalkable
- Summit Learning/SchoolsPLP
- Remind
- Google Classroom

To ensure that our learners are mastering standards in all content areas at Pike Road Junior High School, the faculty and staff is committed to the following action areas:

- 1. Meeting as a community of lead learners to conduct data analysis and data disaggregation to identify learners who are not meeting mastery.
- 2. Providing timely communication on progress of mastery on content standards and required assignment completion to learners/parents every 3 weeks via progress reports.
- 3. Providing extended learning opportunities for learners to complete assignments to ensure mastery of content standards including but not limited to: tutoring sessions, intervention services, before/after-school learning sessions, etc.

According to the data analysis, if a learner identifies as needing intervention services through the Response to Instruction process, support will be provided. Support systems for learners participating in intervention services will vary depending on need. These supports include, but are not limited to:

- iReady
- SchoolsPLP Intervention Resources
- Summit Learning Intervention Resources
- iSpire

#### **Learning Management System**

Pike Road Junior High School uses the following learning management systems to facilitate instruction:

- 1. Summit Learning-core courses
- 2. Schoology-Career & Technical Education and other elective courses for remote learning
- 3. Google Classroom-any content area may utilize

#### Scheduling

#### **Traditional Learning**

Learners will attend school physically at the Georgia Washington Campus and follow a regular school schedule.

#### Blended Learning

Learners will meet with their lead learners either remotely or in person at designated times. Other than these meetings, the learners may complete their coursework asynchronously.

#### Remote Learning

Learners will meet with their lead learners remotely at designated times. Other than these meetings, the learners may complete their coursework asynchronously.

#### **Grading and Assessments**

Pike Road Junior High School will adhere to the grading policy outlined in the 2020-2021 Pike Road Junior High School handbook.

For all core courses, grades and assessments are viewable in Summit Learning. Course grades will be transferred to Chalkable at the end of each nine weeks.

Career & Technical Education and other elective course grades will be entered in Chalkable.

Parent usernames and passwords can be requested from the guidance counselors. Parents are encouraged to check grades in each platform on a regular basis.

All learners will participate in formative and state assessments.

#### **Supporting Vulnerable Populations**

**Exceptionalities recognized under IDEA or Section 504:** Pike Road Schools is dedicated to meeting the individualized service and accessibility needs of our learners with exceptionalities.

In our effort to ensure FAPE, provisions for remote, blended, and traditional learning models may be offered for all services documented in each learner's individualized plan. This could include goal instruction, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, as well as other services. Remote platforms will be determined by the respective school your learner attends with accommodations provided through collaboration with the Lead Learners.

Plan development and amendment will be addressed in IEP team meetings via traditional meeting, virtual meeting, phone conference, or a blended medium. Formal evaluation necessary to identify or review a learner's eligibility for special education services will be traditional utilizing PRS social distancing directives.

For specific questions or clarifications, please email Special Services at <a href="mailto:special-spe

#### **English Language Learners**

Pike Road Schools will continue to support English Language Learners by providing effective two-way communication with families in a language they understand. Instruction and assessments will also continue to be tailored to learners' English language proficiency needs in all four language domains.

#### **Glossary**

ADPH-Alabama Department of Public Health

ALSDE-Alabama State Department of Education

Blended Learning–Remote learning as the base for learners, with regular in-person, on campus sessions with lead learners

FAPE-Free and Appropriate Public Education

Remote Learning–Learners attend classes "remotely" using a variety of virtual and paper resources. Lead learners have regular check-in times and can provide virtual instruction.

Traditional Learning–Learners attend classes in a traditional, on-campus setting.