

Amendments



Amendment 1: Board Approved, October 13, 2020

1. Any remote education student who is failing two or more classes OR has 10 or more absences will be required to return to in-person traditional school.
2. Principals granted flexibility in modifying the RTSP at their building as necessary. Modifications made so long as they do not interfere with the RTSP in general.

Amendment 2: Board Approved, October 27, 2020

1. Students who have been identified as close contacts – through contact at school – will not be required to move to remote learning. Close contact students will be allowed in the buildings during instructional time. Close contact students will be monitored at least twice per day, of their 14-day quarantine period, by school district nursing staff. Students will be required to self-screen at home and return screening checklist each morning to central office.
2. Students who have been identified as close contacts will not be eligible to participate and/or compete in extracurricular events.

Plan Continuation: Board Motion & Action, October 27, 2020

Vermillion School District will follow fifteen consecutive minutes within 6 feet for close contacts.

Amendment 3: Board Approval, November 9, 2020

1. VHS students taking dual credit classes at USD will be allowed to return to in person classes on USD campus beginning in January 2021 as long as all mitigations are followed.
2. VHS student participating in off school grounds internship activities may do so again beginning in January 2021 as long as all mitigations are followed.
3. VHS may adjust from the week long RED/WHITE schedule to an alternating day RED/WHITE schedule.
4. The school board has approved a change in calendar allowing the administration to create Friday dismissals at 1:30 as needed to provide staff with needed work time. This will be on a trial basis for December and January.
5. The superintendent has the authority to alter the RTSP as necessary based on the safety and wellbeing of the students and staff.

November 13, 2020 : Risk Assessment Level of Alert, status change to **ORANGE**

November 16, 2020 : Special School Board Meeting Notes

- Discussion on going REMOTE 2 days prior to Thanksgiving break - not at this time.
- Short Term Mitigation Actions:
 - Postpone youth and travel team activities/practices in buildings for two weeks.
 - Show Choir Fall Show will be live streamed, limited attendance of senior parents only.
 - Middle School Basketball will be live streamed, no spectators.

November 30, 2020 : Special School Board Meeting Notes

A good discussion was held on our current state of positive COVID cases in the District and the good work that has been done. We are down cases from the last 2 weeks and we must continue to promote our mitigations.

Motions and approvals on the following items:

1. Limit spectators at upcoming in-person events (concerts, sports, etc.) the next 2 weeks to 20% capacity.
2. Youth activities may use school facilities as long as current school mitigation efforts are followed (masks worn, limited audience, no outside games).
3. Approve thank you bonus for substitute teachers and lunch personnel who qualify.
4. In school close contact exposures may participate in after school activities if they are following all mitigations and well checks, including wearing masks at practices while around other participants.





December 7, 2020 : Special School Board Meeting Notes

The Vermillion School amended the Return to School Plan with the following motions.

1. Reduce the required close contact quarantine from 14 days down to 10 days as according to new CDC guidelines
2. To allow the use of the rapid test/antigen test to allow asymptomatic staff and students to reduce required quarantine time from 10 days to 7 days according to new CDC guidelines. Other mitigations to continue.

CDC NEW DECEMBER 2020
QUARANTINE GUIDELINES*
 COMPARING THE NEW 7 & 10 DAY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

 7 QUARANTINE THROUGH DAY 7 since date of last exposure	 10 QUARANTINE THROUGH DAY 10 since date of last exposure
Negative test result (specimen collected on Day 5 or later) and then release from quarantine after Day 7	NO TEST NEEDED
Person must remain asymptomatic prior to release and continue to monitor through Day 14	Person must remain asymptomatic prior to release and continue to monitor through Day 14
If a person has not received negative test results by Day 7, the person must remain in quarantine until their negative test result is received	*Those in long-term care facilities are encouraged to adhere to a 14-day quarantine period.



December 14, 2020: Special School Board Meeting Notes

The Vermillion School amended the Return to School Plan with the following motions.

1. Return to **YELLOW** on color coded risk assessment chart.
2. Maintain general fan spectator numbers at 20% of available seating.
3. Approve Rhythm in Red Invitational Feb. 27, 2021 with adequate mitigations. A final determination will be made closer to date with updated COVID numbers.
4. Approve implementation of Governor Noem's Executive Order allowing exceptions to the completion of tenured teacher evaluations for 2020-21.



January 11, 2021 : School Board Meeting Notes

The Vermillion School amended the Return to School Plan with the following motions.

1. Calendar change to continue Friday PLT early dismissals through the 3rd quarter (Feb 5, 26, & Mar 5). Will reexamine for the 4th quarter.
2. As of January 25th, the High School will return to 7 period day and rescind the red/white week.
3. Parent/Teacher conference schedule will allow for in-person, electronic, or zoom participation (mimicking the October conferences that were well received).
4. Allow for additional support staff to be hired for instructional interventions for “gap” students (students who are not attaining progress).
5. Allow the City Parks & Rec Dept to start adult league in 2 weeks if the county and School District has low or decreasing numbers of COVID cases. (Consider yellow in color coded risk assessment).
6. Continued support for administrator flexibility to make instructional decisions best for students and staff (more cohort group work in elementary, re-assigning staff to help cover recess or other needs, determining visitor/intern allowance in to building, flexible schedule, etc).

February 8, 2021 : School Board Meeting Notes

Items discussed at the Feb 8, 2021 School Board meeting.

1. Continue with Friday early dismissals through the 4th quarter- **Board decided to end early dismissals with March 5th as the last day.**
2. Prom- approve the date of April 17th and all activities going forth with mitigations.
 - a. **Yellow** Risk Assessment
 - i. Regular in school mitigations, Grand March live streamed with limited in person attendance, out of town guests allowed with waiver, dance will continue and after prom activities may be planned.
 - b. **Orange** Risk Assessment
 - i. Consider any other mitigations besides regular school mitigations including postponing the event, Live stream the Grand March, no out of town guests will be allowed, dance will continue and after prom activities may be planned.
 - c. Red Risk Assessment
 - i. Prom will be postponed.
3. PTO Carnival- approve a May date for the carnival with normal mitigations. Planning may move forward and a final decision will be made as we get closer to the expected date.
4. VSD Graduation- set for Sat May 14th at 2:00pm at the Sanford Coyote Sports Center. At this time, normal attendance and mitigations.
5. Spectator attendance at events will be increased from 20% to 35%. Regular mitigations will continue.
6. Youth Sports- Youth sports groups may play games in the school facilities. This is limited to single game invites and not multi-team tournaments.
7. VSD is planning for a normal return to school this fall with no remote school options and all students returning to in-person learning. Food service, busing, and instructional services will return to normal formats. This will be reviewed as needed.
8. Fourth quarter 2021 at VSD will continue in its current format offering in-person and remote options through the end of the year. Students who continue to be unengaged or are missing 10 or more class periods or failing 2 or more classes will be asked to return to in-person learning.
9. Exploration of extended counseling services for after school hours was discussed, but not acted on.

April 12, 2021 : School Board Meeting Notes

The Vermillion School amended the Return to School Plan with the following motions.

1. Masks optional at outdoor events,
2. Spectator attendance rate for indoor concerts, etc. to 50%,
3. No spectator limit at outdoor events.



May 10, 2021 : School Board Meeting Notes

The Vermillion School amended the Return to School Plan with the following motions.

1. Allow for outside activities to have no mask requirements, including recess and such activities at school.
2. Graduation on May 15th will continue with the guidelines of the RTSP. USD is now not mask mandated. Activities after May 21st will follow the RTSP until their activity concludes for the 2020-2021 school term.
3. Administration will determine any necessary requirements for summer school activities (i.e., drivers ed – vehicle masks should be worn, but not necessary in the classroom).
4. The RTSP will expire May 22nd and the District will return to normal in person business without mitigations. The RTSP committee will be convened in the summer if necessary, to determine a plan for the 2021-2022 school term.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

