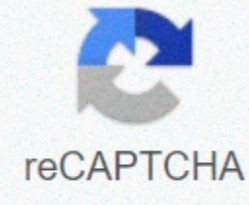




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Rocklin unified school district reopening

Photo: shutterstock.com You need no children to understand that good public schools support the value of housing in their neighborhood. And while higher quality schools are usually accompanied by higher property taxes, homeowners in such districts are ultimately reimbursed by a higher home sales price. Paying back sounds great, but how much are we talking about? New research from Realtor.com shows that for access to a desirable school district, 9% of buyers say they would pay 11% to 20% over budget. Separately, 17% say they pay extra to be close enough for their children to walk to and from school. Related: 7 Renovation Tips to increase residual value In the confrontation between adult facilities and education for children, you guessed it: the kids win. Realtor.com found that 62% of buyers would pass a home spa if it meant being in the right school district. 50% would admit easy access to shopping, while 44% would give up space in the form of a bonus room. If the house you plan to sell is located in a highly coveted school district, do everything in your power to highlight that fact in all your real estate marketing materials. Many potential buyers are the parents of children currently in the school system, so be sure to get the word out among neighbors and local friends. When you buy a home, you use a search feature that lets you filter by school district, because the district's boundaries don't always match city, village, and city lines. After all, you don't assume that your kids will be assigned to attend the same school as the kids down the road or even next door. The coronavirus pandemic continues to spread in the U.S., with more than 4 million cases in the country as of the end of July. In the wake of COVID-19, states must now decide how and when schools should reopen for the upcoming academic year, weighing the risks and benefits of sending children back for personal instruction versus distance learning. Some states are moving forward with plans to reopen all schools for personal learning, while others suggest a hybrid model - and many allow school districts to decide for themselves based on the risks in their specific areas. Find out if your school will reopen in the fall. Last updated: August 5, 2020 SeanPavonePhoto/Stock.com School reopening policy: In-person On June 26, state Superintendent Eric Mackey released Alabama's reopening guidance. The 50-page manual stated that as of June 1, 2020, all schools, public and private - including elementary, secondary, postsecondary, technical and special schools, and and universities would allow students and staff to wear masks, practice social distancing and performing regular disinfection of surfaces and other used items. Although Mackey apparently encouraged children to return to schools, schools, that the districts would provide remote learning opportunities for children who did not return in the fall. School reopening policy: Districts to decide Alaska is encouraging individual districts and schools to make plans for how to deliver education under low-risk, medium-risk and high-risk environments. The plans will be built around three primary areas: (1) learning conditions, including safety protocols, (2) continuity of learning, including school schedules and curricula and (3) learning capacities, including budgets and facility use. School reopening policy: Districts to decide On July 23, Gov. Doug Ducey ordered public schools to reopen for on-site learning on August 17 for students who have nowhere else to go. Superintendent Kathy Hoffman clarified that the order meant that each school district must open at least one place for students to attend. On June 1, the Arizona Department of Education released its guidance for reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year. The protocols for personal instruction include screening students for entry, face-covering requirements, smaller classes and the elimination of communal dining rooms. shutterstv/Shutterstock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson delayed school openings, pushing the scheduled start date from August 13 to August 24. The Arkansas Department of Education leaves it up to districts to decide whether or not to open schools for on-site operations, although all schools are expected to implement a blended learning approach. Under Arkansas' Ready for Learning plan, this type of system includes both on-site teacher interaction and off-site instruction, including new content, through streamed or uploaded lessons and activities as extensive school closures become necessary. School reopening policy: Online/districts to decide On July 17, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that counties on the state's coronavirus watch list would begin the school year with online-only education. On July 20, 33 of the state's 58 counties were on the waiting list. For those not on the watch list, local conditions should lead reopening decisions, according to California Department of Education guidelines. Schools that do reopen to personal learning must adhere to a number of hygiene, safety and cleaning practices, including regular hand washing, face covering requirements and at least daily disinfection of high-contact surfaces. See also: Are these pricey school alternatives worth while? milehightraveler/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Districts to decide Colorado Department of Education guidelines for reopening with separate criteria for primary and secondary schools. Decisions on start dates at school and distance learning are left to local local DenisTangneyJr/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Undecided On June 25, Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona said his department was proposing to reopen all schools to students in the fall. Cardona said students and staff will be required to wear masks while inside school buildings. The final decision on whether or not to reopen Connecticut schools will be made in August. DenisTangneyJr/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Undecided Delaware has yet to make a call about whether schools will open for personal instruction in the fall, but it's likely that the decisions will be left to the district. Delaware Online reported. Districts are encouraged to create reopening plans that are responsible for personal, hybrid, and distance learning models. Delaware will announce its official school reopening plans in August. Manuel Mayo/Shutterstock.com School reopening policy: In-person On July 6, the Florida Department of Education ordered that all public and charter schools must be physically open for at least five days a week for all students starting in August. The department has released a number of mitigation strategies that schools can use to help combat the spread of COVID-19, including practicing social distancing where possible and regularly disinfecting high-traffic surfaces. The use of face masks in schools is not mandatory, although the guidelines state that schools must support students, teachers and staff who voluntarily wear cloth face coverings. Sean Pavone/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Districts to decide The Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Department of Public Health released guidelines for reopening K-12 schools based on community dispersal levels. In areas where there is a significant spread, schools need to implement learning remotely. If there is a minimal or moderate spread, districts can choose to implement personal, external, or hybrid learning. In areas where there is low or no spread, schools will be open to personal instruction with preventive and proactive protocols. Preventive practices described in the guidelines include providing hand soap and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms; carrying out a thorough clean-up of schools before students and staff return; and ensure that ventilation systems work properly. Students and staff are allowed to wear face coverings, but they are not required. School reopening policy: Hybrid (in-person eventually) The Hawaii Department of Education announced public schools would begin reopening starting August 4. The type of instruction will depend on the impact level of the coronavirus throughout the year, with instruction to take place personally, virtually and through blended learning until there is no pandemic related in that case, the schools will completely switch to personal learning. knowlesgallery/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Districts to decide (in-person pictured) On July 9, Gov. Brad Little and the Idaho State Board of Education unveiled a framework for reopening schools. Although the details are down to school districts, the framework makes clear that schools are expected to reopen for personal instruction. Each district must come up with its own cleaning, disinfection and physical distancing protocols that have been approved by the local health district. In addition, all schools that reopen for personal instruction must have a plan for immediate closures if a student, faculty or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19. School reopening policy: Districts to decide Governor J.B. Pritzker's guidance for the in-person reopening of schools requires face coverings for all students and staff, prohibits gatherings of more than 50 people and establishes temperature screenings and social distancing protocols. Schools are allowed to reopen for personal instruction, while a district is in phase three of the state's reopening plan, and are encouraged to be open to personal instruction when the district is in phase four. Ron and Patty Thomas/Getty Images School reopening policy: Districts to Indiana decide to consider released guidelines in June for schools before reopening. The guidelines include mandatory facial coverings and social distancing rules. Schools in Indiana were allowed to reopen for personal instruction early July 1. benkrut/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Hybrid model On June 25, the Iowa Department of Education announced that schools will reopen starting July 1. Officials announced that there was no obligation for students or staff to wear face coverings, undergo health checks or social distance. On July 17, Gov. Kim Reynolds ordered that schools perform at least half of their education in person. She said districts can request waivers for the Iowa Department of Education's requirement. Ron and Patty Thomas/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Districts to decide The Kansas State Board of Education approved guidelines for reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year that are intended to help districts craft their own individual plans. According to the guidelines, some districts will be able to bring all students back into the classroom. Some districts may need to implement a learning environment remotely, while others may need to implement a hybrid learning environment. We expect these environments to continue to be Change. hstiver/Getty Images/iStockphoto School reopening policy: Districts to decide On July 6, the Department of Education in Kentucky released guidelines on reopening schools in Fall. The guidelines do not mandate a uniform approach to reopening schools. The guidelines suggest that schools are open to implementing alternative learning experiences, including planning students to participate in rotations to reduce the number of students in schools at any given time, so parents can choose whether their student is going to school in person or online, a hybrid model and a full online model. Don't Miss: 60 Colleges Facing Layoffs Thanks to Coronavirus SeanPavonePhoto/Stock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide Although the decision to reopen for in-person education is left to the District, the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted unanimously to approve guidelines for state schools that require all adults and students in grades three through 12 to wear facial coverings. Bob Pool/Shutterstock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide On July 17, Gov. Janet Mills announced a framework for reopening schools that comes in the form of a three-tiered health advisory system and takes into account public health metrics on a county-by-county basis. Counties at high risk of coronavirus spread may not carry out instruction in person, high-risk provinces must opt for a hybrid model, and low-risk counties may open themselves up to personal instruction, but may opt for a hybrid model if the buildings or their readiness adhere to the required health and safety measures for all schools. These required health and safety measures include self-checks for symptoms prior to each school day, physical distancing, face covering for all staff and students aged two and over, proper hand washing and home isolation for sick staff and students. Sean Pavone/Shutterstock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide Maryland Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced that schools had until August 14 to submit their reopening plans to the state Board of Education for approval. Schools will be allowed to open for personal instruction as long as they follow specific CDC and state health guidelines, and meet benchmarks set by the state. Jon Bilous/Shutterstock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide (in-person pictured) Gov. Charlie Baker released guidance for reopening schools that requires all staffers and students in second grade or higher to wear masks, social distancing from desks in classrooms and students to eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms. The state hopes that all open again in the autumn. We want to start the school year with as many of our students as possible returning to personal settings - safe, Jeffrey C. Riley, commissioner of elementary and secondary education, said in a letter to teachers, administrators and parents. If the current current to keep public health statistics, we believe that when we follow critical health requirements, we can safely return to in-person school this fall with plans in place to protect all members of our educational community. Arpad Benedek/Stock.com School reopening policy: Districts to decide On June 30, Governor

