What will student participation look like in the Fall

Share and discover strategies for supporting student engagement when we find our kids are not ready to come back to school and they would rather hide in a cave. Explore ways to promote, track and reward student engagement, as well as identify students with little or no involvement using tools like the Software 4 Schools Advantage platform

Ben Star

- Teacher (10 Years)
- Coach (12 Years)
- Activities / Student Leadership (6 Years)
- Founder Software 4 Schools (12 Years)

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American Journal of Health Behavior™

Organized Group Activity as a Protective Factor Against Adolescent Substance Abuse

(1.5x) less likely to drink **alcohol**

(2x) less likely to **smoke cigarettes**

(2.5x) less likely to **smoke marajauana**

Participation in just 1-2 extracurricular activities

Elder, Lever-Dunn, Want, Nagy and Green

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Are we going back to school this fall?

CSU The California State University

"10 CA Universities announced that they plan to **resume in-person this fall**"

JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL of MEDICINE

"We could be looking at a **fairly normal fall**"

Eili Klein Ph.D.
John Hopkin School of Medicine

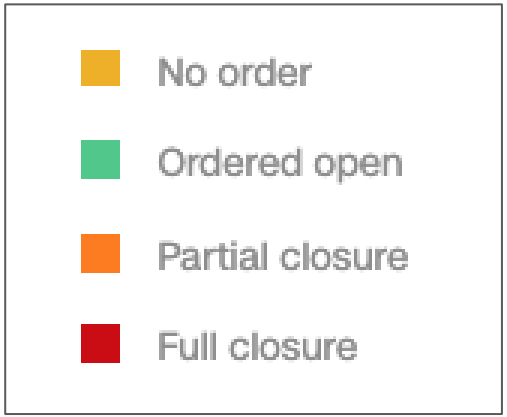
HUFFPOST

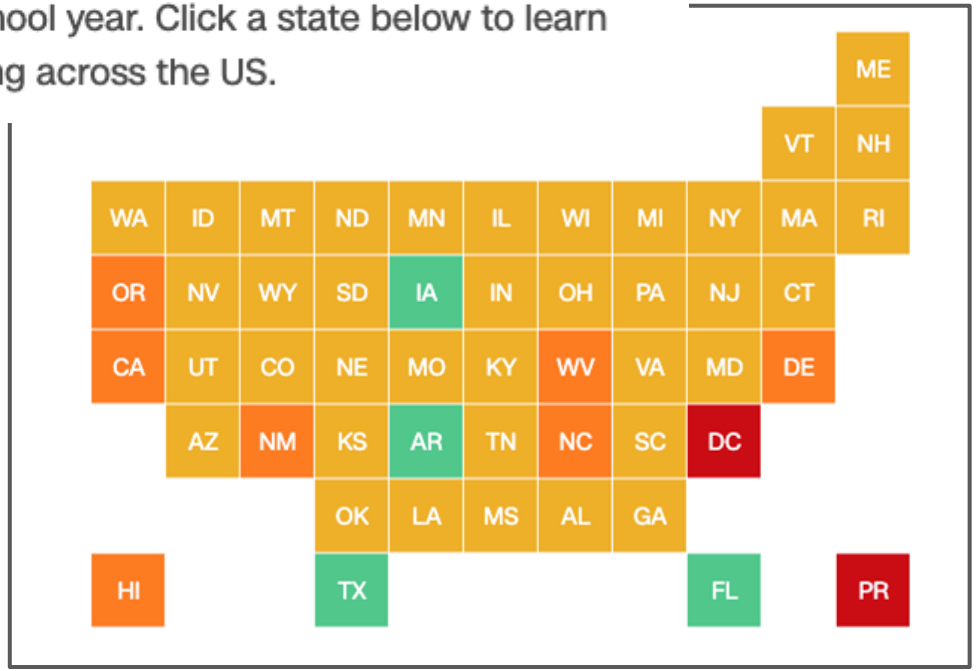
"That said, every expert interviewed for this piece expressed cautious optimism that a majority of **K-12 students will be back in the classroom, full time, next fall — if not sooner**."

Catherine Pearson
Huff post

Schools Reopening in the USA

According to data compiled by Education Week, most states are dealing with a wide array of approaches to kicking off the new school year. Click a state below to learn more about the state of K-12 schools reopening across the US.





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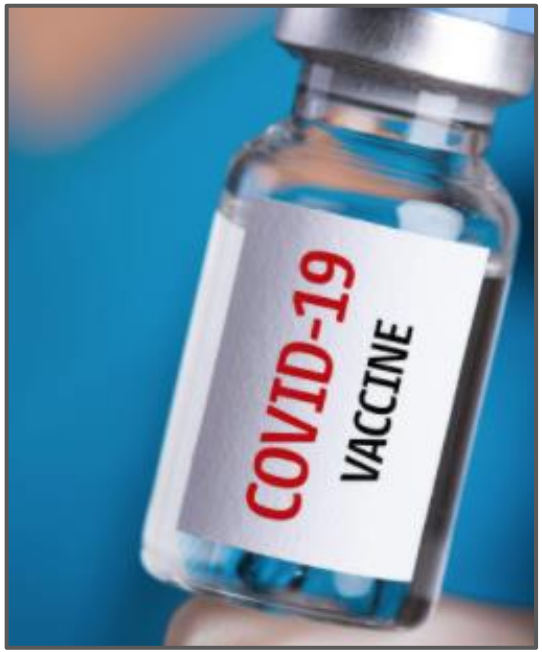
US Vaccinations

150 million before April (estimated)

330 million people in US



COVID Vaccines for kids

At this point, it appears **unlikely** that **younger** school students will be able to receive a COVID-19 vaccine **before the start of the 2021** academic year. So they'll depend on widespread adult vaccination to keep them safe and healthy.

The Pfizer and Moderna **vaccines have not been approved for use in children**, though kids are now being included in trials.

Looking forward to getting together in-person

“The pandemic has accelerated the development of digital tools and tremendously increased the level of **acceptance of distance learning**. In the post-pandemic world, even after we return to ‘normal,’ **digital learning will keep playing an important role** in the value proposition.”

MARC ETHIER
Poets and quants

What students and staff are facing

- Changes in daily routines
- Lack of predictability
- Increased **fears about their safety** and the safety of loved ones
- Extended periods of **isolation**

And, in some cases:

- **Loss of a loved ones**
- Limited access to food and **safe shelter**
- Abuse, neglect, exposure to violence

Ohio Education GOV

It’s not going to be an easy road

The shutdown has caused new **conflicts** among and between **parents**, **teachers**, **employers**, and district leaders, as all negotiate the details of remote learning and whether schools should begin to offer in-person instruction.

Lack of **trust** among parents about **vaccinations** and health practices, and worries about especially **vulnerable children and teachers**, will persist beyond this school year.

Coronavirus-based disruptions to schools **could continue until at least 2024**, and worries about contagion will not go away.

Teachers’ unions have been **strong opponents** of a quick return to in-person schooling, but they also have a strong stake in continuing arrangements that leave negotiations over schooling behind closed doors and protect traditional uses of funds and teachers

Brookings EDU

Money to support education

School leaders can leverage funds allocated in the 20-21 state budget, which included **$5.3 billion** that schools can use to **support programs for social and emotional learning**

There will be more money coming

"The United States is committed to ensuring that students and educators are able to resume safe, in-person learning as quickly as possible, with the goal of getting a majority of K-8 schools safely open in 100 days,"

Biden has called on Congress to provide at least **$130 billion** in dedicated funding to K-12 schools, as well as **$350 billion** in flexible state and local aid that would help districts avoid layoffs and close budget gaps.

Social Emotional Learning for ALL students

Social and emotional learning, as a practice, is a set of strategies to help students develop the emotional skills that are vital for **success in school and life** — like developing **self-awareness,** navigating **healthy relationships,** and building **resilience.** Research shows that social and emotional learning gives students a greater **sense of trust and belonging**, makes schools **safer**, and significantly **increases academic achievement**.

WE HAVE TO MAKE STUDENTS FEEL SAFE

"We live in a traumatic, fast-paced world. Kids are not sheltered from this,"

"To slow it down allows for so much more learning. If one person doesn't feel safe, none of us feel safe and learning will not happen in the way we want it to. We are very tuned to the emotional state of the people around us."

Paul Drake

Building a Plan

- **Identify Your Team**
- **Needs Analysis**
- **Set Goals**
- **Identify Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Execute a plan**
- **Evaluate**

- What programs and initiatives are already in place?
- Are current initiatives successful?
- What ways could current initiatives be improved?
- How involved are your teachers and staff?
- Who are your steamboats, tug boats and anchors?
- What would social-emotional learning ideally look like in your school community?
- How do you identify if your program is successful
- Does your plan include in person and students that choose remote learning?
- Are there opportunities for family and community engagement?
- How are you going to track student engagement?

Building and Sustaining Relationships

- **Sense of Community:** Create a school and classroom community no matter where instruction is taking place. **Maintain connections virtually** and based on social distancing guidelines with students, families and community partners.
- **Positivity:** Prioritize uplifting staff and students by sharing positive actions and behaviors through announcements, social media posts, newsletters and/or bulletin boards.
- **Summer Contact:** Offer virtual connection opportunities during the summer months so students can connect with peers and staff.
- **Build Familiarity:** Help new students get familiar with their new environment with pictures, social stories, videos of the building, or meet and greets with teachers.

Innovating for Education

- Easy to use Impactful Tools
- Support a Positive School Culture
- Foster Student and Parent Engagement

Advantage - Student Engagement

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ERIN ACHEAMPONG (153913)

JORGE MERINO (157620)

ERIN WRIGHT (159922)

Ticketing / Engagement Tracking

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Last Name	First Name	Student ID	Grade	Type	# of Events	Spirit points
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AGUIRRE	ANTHONY	153968	12	Student	1	10
AGUILAR	CAROLINA	153935	12	Student	1	5
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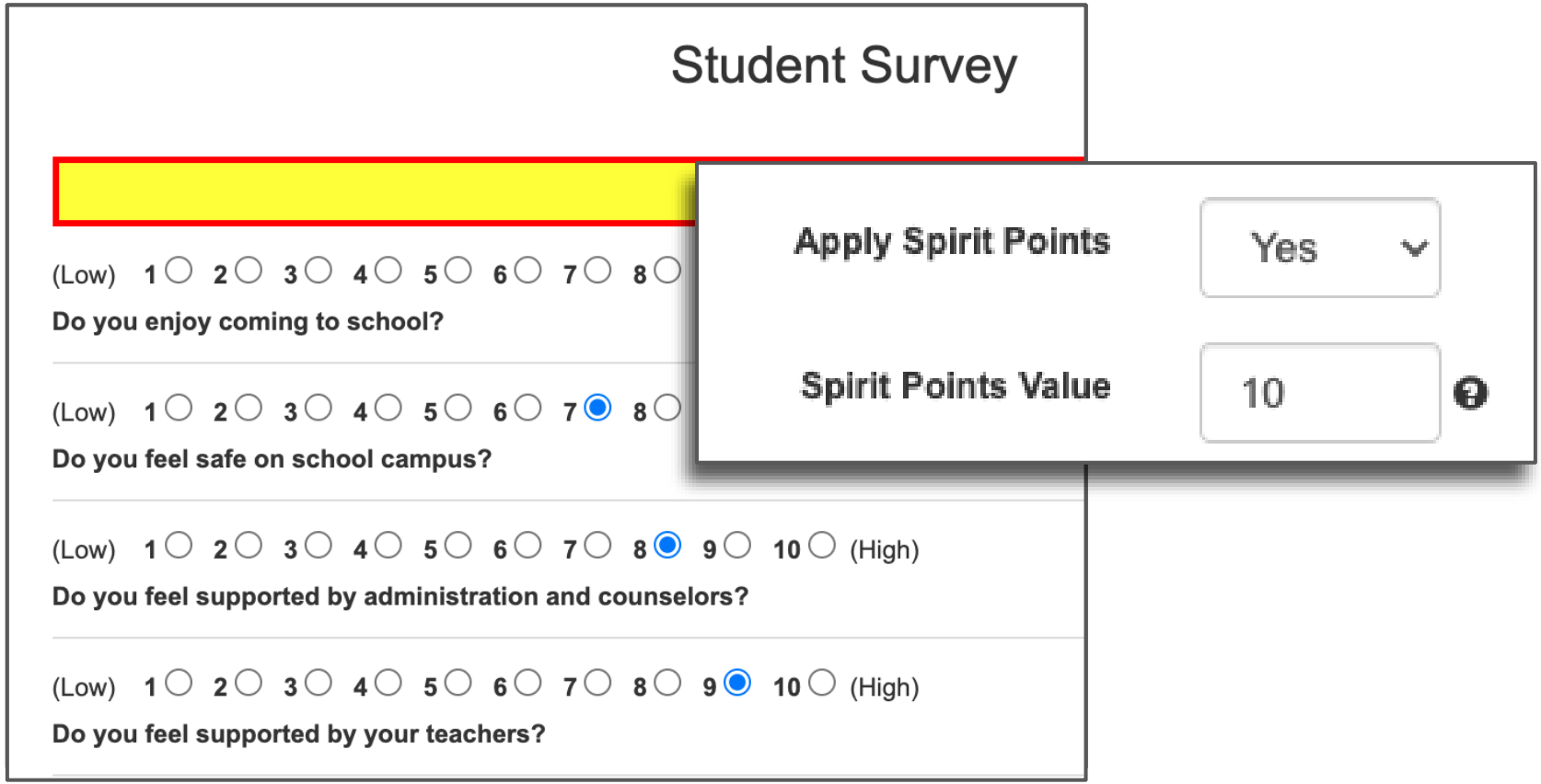

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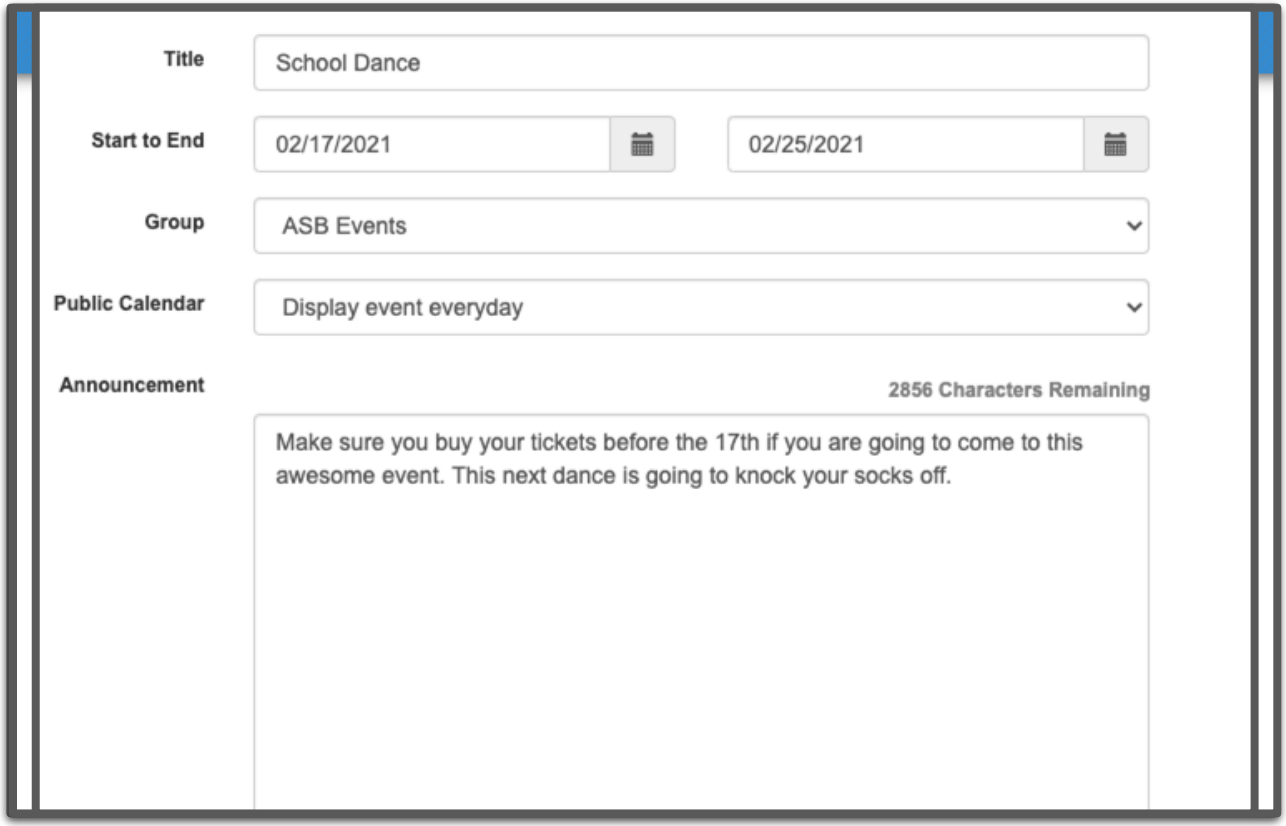
ANGELA ABDEL-MALEK (153899)
Student Type:Discounted
Available Points = **25**
Available Credit = ***$5.00***

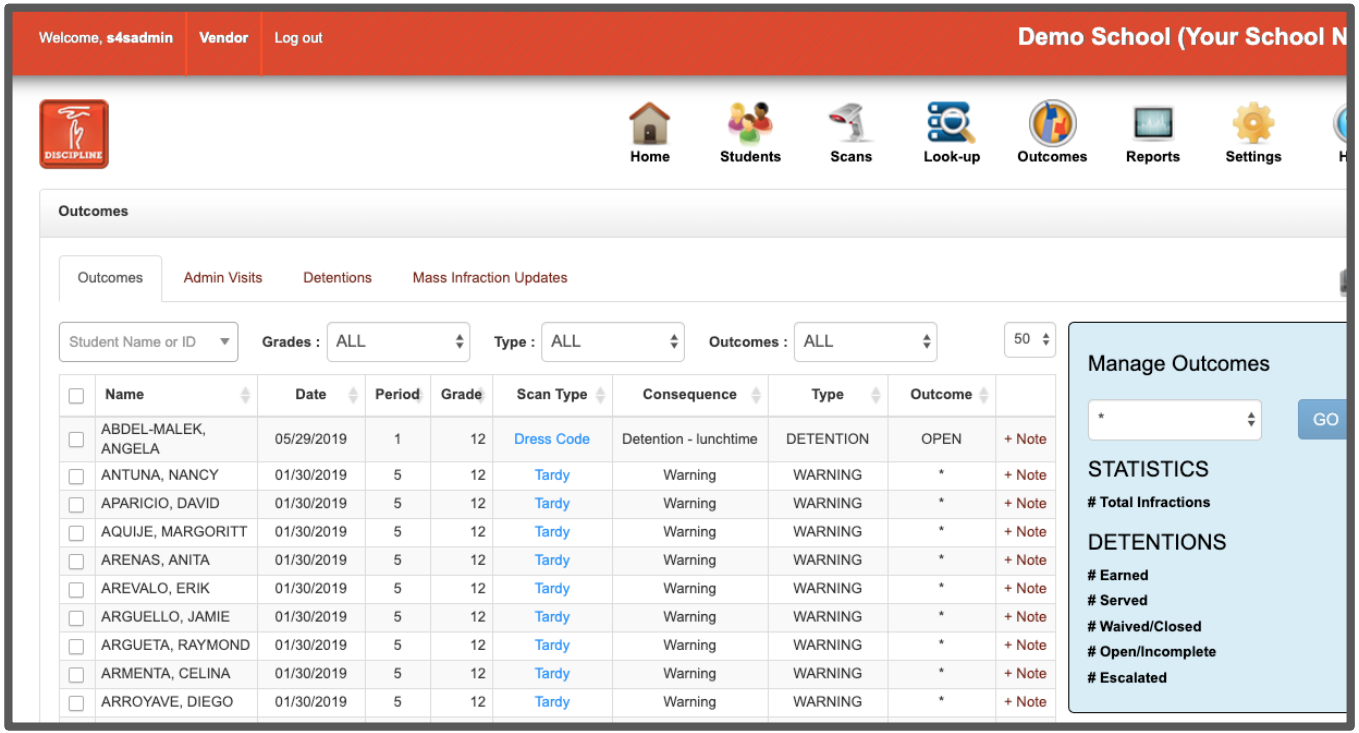
SPIRIT REWARDS

Spirit Bands	Spirit Hat	Spirit Shirt S	Spirit Shirt M	Spirit Shirt L
50 — 5 Points	2 — 10 Points	1 — 15 Points	15 — 15 Points	10 — 15 Points

School Announcements



Intervention Tracking



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Coming Fall 2021

The Impact

“The main problem or advantage I've been able to solve is accessibility for all students. Especially in today's world (with the pandemic), it's nice to have a trusted platform that will allow me to conduct elections, surveys, etc. with confidence.”
Edmond North High School

“I can't believe schools run paper ballot elections with this software out there.”
Beckman High School

“This has created a fantastic way to track attendance both at a meeting and at large ticketed events. Additionally, the time left feature allows us to have a record of when a student left the event in case a parent should ask.
Pinkerton Student Council

“LOVE. I absolutely love this software. I am looking forward to using it again this year. It will save me so much time and will make our school elections more reliable.”
Carbondale Community High School

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