



ROCKFORD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2020-2021 BACK TO SCHOOL FAQ

What is Rockford Lutheran School's approach to back to school?

- **Accountability is key!** Rockford Lutheran School is dependent upon decisions made by the Rockford Lutheran School Board, our accrediting associations, state and local health experts, as well as the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).
- **It is reasonable to disagree!** The viewpoints of our families regarding the return to school vary greatly. The goal of Rockford Lutheran School is to ensure that our students receive an exceptional Christ-centered education in a safe learning environment either at school or at home.
- **Communication is key!** Rockford Lutheran relies on feedback from its families regarding what we have done and where we are going. We are dedicated to keeping you informed in this ever-changing environment.
- **Education is our business!** Rockford Lutheran is dedicated to providing families with options when it comes to their student's education. Our goal is to provide the best Christ-centered education for our students, while being sensitive to outside factors that influence the decisions of our families. This allows parents become stakeholders in their student's education, our teachers to act as guides and facilitators, and students to own their own education.

How does Rockford Lutheran School make its decisions regarding back to school?

Rockford Lutheran School is accountable to the following institutions and makes decisions based on their guidance:

- **Rockford Lutheran School Board** – The Board is responsible to ensuring that all decisions reflect our mission and CORE values to provide academic excellence, a Christ centered education, harmony between students and faculty, and service to our community.
- **Accrediting Organizations** - In order for Rockford Lutheran School to remain fully accredited, it must follow guidance provided by the North Central Association of Colleges and School, and the National Lutheran School Accreditation.
- **Health Experts** – Health experts from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) provide health and safety guidance to ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty.
- **Illinois State Board of Education** – The ISBE takes the information provided by health experts to provide us with both resources and guidelines regarding how our school is impacted.
- **Illinois High School Association** – The IHSA regulates competition in most interscholastic sports and some interscholastic activities at the high school level. It also takes information provided by health experts to provide us with guidelines regarding our sports program.