



10 Things You Need to Know: Back to School

1. Start of School. We are EXCITED to welcome everyone back but we know things are going to be a little different too! Please register your student for school [HERE](#) if you have not. Student schedules can be accessed through the ParentPortal starting at 12:00 pm on Friday, August 14th.

August 19- School starts for both Face to Face and Remote Learning.

MEET THE TEACHER, OPEN HOUSE & STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

SHS- Virtual Orientation will open on Monday, August 17 @ 10:00 am

SJH- Virtual Meet the Teacher, 6:00 PM, August 14, 2020. Please click on our campus link to join us for our virtual orientation. [SJH Orientation](#)

Selman EL- Virtual Meet the Teacher, 6:00 PM, August 14, 2020. [MBS Orientation](#)

Sealy EL- Virtual Meet the Teacher, 6:00 PM, August 14, 2020. Please click on our campus link to join us for our virtual orientation. Each grade level has created their own video for you to get to know them a little better. We can't wait to see you Wednesday!!! [SES Orientation](#)

2. Face Coverings. While we are under the Governor's Orders, all students in grades 4-12 will wear a face covering. **SISD is providing each student with a mask and a gaiter.** Your student is also allowed to wear a face shield should that be a better option for them.

3. Remote Learning. We have 71% of students returning face to face and 29% who will be starting the year remotely. For Remote Learning Info, click [HERE](#).

4. Switching Learning Environments. Students may change from face to face to remote or vice versa at the end of the grading period. Please note that it will be difficult to accommodate families wishing to switch learning environments during a grading cycle. If you would like to request a change to your child's learning environment during the nine weeks, please contact your campus office.

5. Bus Rules. In our Back to School plan, we highly encouraged parents to provide transportation if at all possible given that it will be difficult to social distance on our buses. Please acknowledge if your child plans to ride the bus by completing the eligible rider form as part of the registration process. We will social distance as much as we possibly can. Masks are required on the bus for 4th grade up and recommended for students in 3rd grade and below.

6. Social Distancing. This is one of the most common questions we are asked... “How will you social distance?” I want to be really clear - we won’t be able to establish 6 feet social distance between students in many situations. The only way to provide 6 ft is to cut the # of students in half and run a rotating schedule. While that was not the option that parents desired, the state is not even allowing that as an option for K-8 after the first few weeks of school. We will distance students as much as we can and will try our best to adhere to the recommended distance of 3-6 feet between students. This is why masks are an essential part of our plans.

7. Health & Safety Protocols. We outlined all of our processes in our **Reopening Plan**. Here is a picture of how things will be the same and will be different:

- **Arrival:** We will adjust our morning routines so that we don’t have the mass gatherings in our cafeteria and common areas. Students will be assigned to specific locations such as a homeroom or Drive Time.
- **Lunch:** We will look to decrease the number of students per table (students facing one direction when possible, plexiglass barriers when not possible), increase the # of tables, increase the spacing between tables. Additional spaces will also be opened for dining.
- **Dismissal:** We will look at spreading out students during dismissal so that kids aren’t housed in large groups.
- **Large Group Gatherings:** We will encourage virtual large group meetings (example meet the teacher nights and orientation) but we will consider events where we can socially distance.

8. Friday Night Lights. 50% what?!? That’s right - we get to play FOOTBALL and VOLLEYBALL and do BAND & CHEER (and all of our other AMAZING activities) but we have to limit spectators to 50% capacity. Tickets will be sold FIRST to FNL families (football, band, cheer) and then will open up to the public. All ticket sales will happen early in the week for each game, not tickets at the gates. Masks are required for all spectators 10+. See Ticket Info [Here](#).

VOLLEYBALL!!! There are a few dual match nights where tickets will be limited to two per varsity players only. Tickets will be presold through the athletic department. Volleyball games will be streamed. Social distancing between families and masks (10+) are required. Ticket Info [Here](#).

GO TIGERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

9a. Isolation. Who goes home when? Here are the basics...

- If you test positive, it is a minimum of 10 days (+ must be fever free for 72hrs)
- If you had “close contact” (within 6 ft for 15+ min w/no face covering), it is a minimum of 14 days

How can you protect yourself from being asked to isolate? Wash your hands often. Wear a face covering. Cover your cough. Social distance when possible.

9b. Notification. How will I know if there is a case? We will notify the campus if someone tests positive on that campus. We will not disclose identifiable information about that student or staff member. However, you will be contacted personally if your student has been determined to have been within close contact with someone who tests positive. Additionally, all cases will be posted on our website by campus and grade level.

10. Fluid. If there’s one word I would use to describe what I think this year will be like, it is fluid. Things are going to change and we will respond and adapt. We are starting the year under one staffing/scheduling structure - but we may need to make changes along the way. Please know that we’re ready to pivot at any given moment and we will keep a close pulse on our school community to help make those decisions. If you haven’t looked at our **COVID Response Protocol**, it’s important. It is our guide map to how we think we’ll respond if conditions on the ground change. Any changes made will be made to keep our students and staff safe, we will keep you updated if we suspect any changes are coming. As always, let us know what you are thinking/feeling and how we can communicate and support you. It helps us lead better!