

McWhirter Elementary

2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN



General Health & Safety Practices:

- **Parents:**
 - All parents should do or supervise a “self-check” for your child prior to coming to school or riding the bus
 - It is expected that if a child is sick, a parent or authorized guardian must pick them up from school.
 - If your child is sent to the nurse, your child will be stationed in a safe area away from other students until your arrival.
 - Please make sure your emergency contacts are updated in Skyward and add any additional guardians that are allowed to pick up your child if you are unable to do so.

- **Students:**
 - All students should do a daily “self-check” prior to coming to school or riding the bus.
 - All students will learn ways to protect themselves and others from germs at school, including proper handwashing.
 - All students should practice appropriate social distancing, hand hygiene, and respiratory (coughing, breathing, sneezing) etiquette.

- Students (as developmentally appropriate), will wear a face mask/covering when entering a CCISD facility in common areas such as hallways, and whenever a physical distance of 6 feet from another person is not possible.
- **Staff:**
 - All employees will be required to complete a self-screening daily.
 - All employees must practice appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
 - All employees will maintain 6 feet distancing from others. If this is not possible, face covering will be used.

Visitors/Deliveries/Miscellaneous:

- To limit exposure, informal campus visits will be limited.
- Essential meetings will be done by appointment or through a virtual format.
- In the event an individual visit a campus, they must pass a screener with temperature monitoring to access a school campus.
- All visitors entering the building must sanitize hands upon entry. Visitors proceeding beyond the secure vestibule area will be subject to screening by way of a symptom screening form.
- Campus visitors are to wear face coverings.
- To ensure the safety of students and staff, outside food deliveries are not permitted.
- All items (library books and essential classroom materials) can be dropped off in the designated area in the front entrance area. Make sure items are properly labeled with your child's name and teacher.
- If you are needing to speak to an office personnel, please be mindful of social distancing when entering the building. If you notice that they are multiple visitors in the front office area, please wait outside until social distancing can occur.

Arrival/Dismissal/Transitioning

- **Arrival**
 - All students will **put on their masks prior to entering the building.**
 - We will continue to use an extended arrival time only for students who ride the early bus, beginning at 7:30 am.
 - **Busses and Daycare ONLY: 7:30-7:45**
 - **McW Early Access:** These students enter through the back entrance using social distancing and go directly to an Early Access area (Gym). Students will have the opportunity to engage in independent reading. This is only for students who ride the early bus.

- All students who arrive during this time frame will be required to go to Early Access.
 - Please reiterate the importance to your child of wearing a mask while they ride the bus and walk to the entrance of the building.
- Additional entry points will be used for car-riders and walkers.
 - **Car riders and walkers (All Students): 7:45-8:10**
 - **PreK and Kindergarten Door:** PreK and Kindergarten unloading in the car line and walkers will enter in the Pre-K and Kindergarten hallway entrance.
 - Since we will not be able to open the doors for your children as they are unloading, please be patient with us as students are getting out of the car on their own.
 - **Front Door:** 1st through 5th Graders unloading in the car line and walkers will enter through the main front door entrance using social distancing.
 - **Siblings:** Older siblings are welcomed to use the entrance of their younger siblings to stay together.
- Students must remain in their car until they are prompted to exit their vehicle by a McW staff member.
- Students will report directly to classrooms or breakfast if they are eating at school.
- Masks will be worn in hallways and common areas.
- For safety, students should not arrive on campus prior to 7:45 AM. There is no staff available for supervision prior to 7:45.

□ **Dismissal**

- Our dismissal process begins at approximately 3:25 (subject to change after the first week of school). Students cannot be checked out after 2:45 as per district policy.
- Multiple exit points will be used.
 - **Park Entrance Doors:** All Solano walkers will exit through the Park Entrance Doors. PK-2nd will wait by the gate until parents come to pick them up. 3rd- 5th grade students will walk on their own after they have been checked off by a staff member.
 - PK-2nd Grade: Who dismiss as walkers must be picked up by an adult with an authorized tag. Please have your Walker Tag available (Tip: You can take a picture of it on your phone too) and show it to the staff member on duty. Families picking up students in this manner, will stand in the front grass area to wait for their student. A staff member will assist in calling for your child and ensuring they walk safely to you. Please keep a social distance while waiting in this shaded area.
- Dismissal time will be extended to allow staggered release procedures beginning with 3 waves of Car Riders.
- The remainder of the students will be dismissed to the gym.

- Students will be released straight from their classroom or designated area.
- Masks will be worn in hallways, common areas, and on buses.
- For safety, students should not remain on campus grounds after they have been dismissed from the building.
- Those areas designated for walkers pick up are only for those students living at the Vibe or Solano Apartments or in the neighborhood.

□ **Transitioning**

- The transitioning of students will be limited during the school day and masks will be worn in classrooms/ hallways/ common areas.
- Students in grades PK-1 will be self-contained with one teacher and students in grades 2-5 will have a maximum of two content teachers.
- Teachers will rotate into the classrooms or implement schedules that alternate classrooms by day to limit student transitioning.
- Detailed schedules have been created to limit the number of students in hallways throughout the day.
- Signage and procedures have been established to implement two-way hallway traffic and social distancing.
 - Hallway Expectations to stay **S.A.F.E.**

S: Safe and quiet line

A: Arms-length apart

F: Face masks on, feet and hands to self

E: Eyes facing forward

Mealtimes:

□ **Breakfast**

- To allow us to better space our students apart, we will not have visitors on campus during breakfast at this time.
- Students will be adequately spaced while seated for breakfast.
- Cafeteria and serving areas will be cleaned as students' transition.
- Students will wear masks until they are eating at the breakfast table.
- Breakfast is free and available for all students but will only be available for students who choose to have breakfast in the cafeteria.

□ **Lunch**

- To allow us to better space our students apart, we will not have visitors on campus during lunch at this time.
- Additional open areas have been established for lunch to allow students to better space apart.
- A detailed schedule has been created to limit the number of students in eating spaces at one time and allow for sanitization between groups.
- We encourage parents who send a lunch with students to use disposable sacks/bags.
- Students will wear masks until they are eating at the lunch table.
- All students will be sitting 6 feet apart from each other.

Instructional Environments:

Classrooms:

While safety precautions will be implemented in the classroom, in order to have a meaningful learning environment students will interact within their homeroom cohort throughout the day. More emphasis will be put on protocols that limit a student's interactions with others outside of their homeroom classroom.

- Classrooms will be designed to support social distancing. Students will be seated with as much separation as feasible without interfering with the educational experience.
- Masks will be used in the classroom setting when social distancing is not feasible.
- Teachers will use a face covering when they are unable to be 6-feet from students.
- Shared supplies will be limited and cleaned between uses.
- Classroom routines for handwashing/ hand sanitizing will be established.
- Additional strategies have been designed to support students' social emotional well-being.

Block, Recess, Other Extra-Curricular Activities:

- **PE, Music, and Art** will not combine classes and social distancing will be used. Outdoor spaces will be used as often as possible.
- Also, for **PE, Music, and Art**, the master schedule has been adjusted to allow for increased transition times to sanitize surfaces and materials between groups.
- For **counselor groups**, surfaces and materials will be sanitized between groups. When this is not possible, the counselor will move to homerooms to facilitate these character-building activities.

- At this time, we will limit student **beyond school day social activities**.
- Until further notice, **field trips** will be postponed.
- Face coverings will be used in all settings when social distancing is not possible.
- A schedule has been developed to limit the number of students on playgrounds at any one-time during **recess**.
- Also, during **recess**, students will play with their homeroom cohort in an assigned area.
- Students will be provided hand sanitizer or an opportunity for handwashing **before and after recess**.

McW Family Events:

- **General Event Information:**
 - Most events will be virtual until further notice.
 - When in-person events are hosted, outdoor areas or large spaces will be used.

- **First Day of school**
 - **AUGUST 31st: PRE-K & KINDER FIRST DAY (BRICK & MORTAR)**
 - Our doors will open at 7:30 am for students riding the bus or daycare ONLY.
 - Our doors will open at 7:45 am to receive our tiniest Astronauts! There will be plenty of friendly staff members ready to assist students with finding their classroom if you choose to drop them off in the car-line or say goodbye at their entrance of the building.
 - We understand that many families will want to walk their Astronaut to class the first day but due to safety we will not allow parents to do so.
 - **SEPTEMBER 14th: GRADES 1-5 FIRST DAY**
 - Our doors will open at 7:30 am for students riding the bus or daycare ONLY.
 - Students can begin going straight to their classrooms or breakfast at 7:45 am. There will be plenty of friendly staff members ready to assist students with finding their classrooms if you choose to drop them off in the car-line or say goodbye at their entrance.
 - **SEPTEMBER 14th & BEYOND (BRICK & MORTAR)**
 - After the first day of school (Brick & Mortar), staff will assist students getting to class. Please be sure to teach them their arrival entrance and have their mask on as they enter the building.

Thanks for your support with preparing our Astronaut!