

October 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Face-to-Face SLMS Titan Students,

I hope my message finds you and your family doing well at the start of this much-needed three-day weekend. My purpose in writing to you today is to seek your assistance with a few matters that concern all of our Titans who attend school in-person. I also want to be sure that the expectations that have been shared in the weekly Titan News that comes out each Sunday afternoon were not overlooked, since that newsletter often has a considerable amount of content—some of it new, and some of it repeated. The two topics for this message relate to:

1. **Safety**
2. **Dress Code**

Safety

Please assist us in the following ways in order to keep all students, staff, and parents safe:

- A. All F2F students, regardless of being a walker, bike rider, car rider, or bus rider:**
 - a. Ensure your child has his/her student ID badge, including the school-issued, color-coded lanyard
 - b. Complete the daily wellness screener before leaving home. Parent or child may complete it in Skyward Family Access or use the wellness card. Be prepared to show proof of completing and passing the wellness screener to staff upon entry to the building
 - c. Keep cell phones turned off and in backpacks for the entire school day. Headphones, “Air Pods”, etc. – turned off and put away in your child’s backpack (because the cell phone/device should also be turned off and in the backpack)
 - d. Just like last school year, students needing to contact a parent during the day will request a pass from the teacher to go to an office to make a call. Parents wishing to contact their children may call the main number at (281) 634-3080 to have a message delivered during the day. Please ensure we have your current contact information updated in Skyward, as well
- B. Car Rider Line – Arrival in the Morning**
 - a. Remain in vehicle until asked to exit by a staff member
 - b. Students exit the passenger side of the vehicle only, not the driver’s side, and only in the circle drive, not along Seventh Street
 - c. No left turns from the circle drive onto Seventh Street (it is posted, but parents are still turning left. SLPD is starting to monitor this more closely)
 - d. Have your child’s daily wellness screener already completed and ready to show to the staff member on duty on the front circle drive, and ensure your child exits your vehicle quickly. This keeps the line moving
 - e. No U-Turns on Seventh Street into the driveway of the district’s landscaping and maintenance facility (it is marked along Seventh Street as no U-Turns)
- C. Car Rider Line – Dismissal in the Afternoon**
 - a. Display your child’s dismissal number prominently in your windshield. If you do not have a car rider number, [please complete this quick form](#), and we will contact you with your number
 - b. Please do not text your child to say you are in the car rider line – their phone should be off, and they need to wait until we call their car rider number over the PA
 - c. No left turns from the circle drive, just like in the morning

Dress Code

Between having been out of school for nearly six months and out of the habit of needing to think about the FBISD dress code, but also with the changing fall weather, we wanted to make sure everyone understands FBISD's expectations about dress code for middle school students. It differs slightly from elementary school. This information has been included in the three most recent weekly Titan News blasts, but we are adding it here separately because we want to ensure everyone has a common understanding of the expectations. These expectations have also been discussed with students in their PE classes and multiple times over the course of the last few weeks during lunches – all as general reminders.

Please review the FBISD dress code. [This one-page document](#) has been extracted from pages 69-70 of the larger [2020-21 FBISD Student/Parent Handbook](#), and it is posted on our campus web page. Students attending face-to-face (F2F) will adhere to the FBISD dress code, and students attending classes online must be in dress code while on camera. Common issues and their resolutions are:

- Students wearing legging or tights – Student must wear a top whose hem extends to **at least mid-thigh** or lower (but not above mid-thigh). **This has been our #1 item to address the last two weeks.** With the cooler weather, leggings/tights tend to become more popular—please ensure that your child meets these criteria if they choose to wear leggings, tights, or tight-fitting garments
- Shorts, skirts, etc. that are too short -- hem must be no higher than 3" above knee
- Footwear - shoes must have a back for safety reasons in our stairwells. No flip-flops or sandals unless they have a back/heel covering
- Tears/Rips in pants - cannot reveal undergarments. If rips/tears are higher than 3" above the knee (like shorts and skirts), they must have an under-layer that extends to 3" above the knee
- Pajamas - no sleep wear except on designated spirit days (this includes slippers)

Please understand that some of the ways in which we could assist students in prior years get into dress code once on campus are no longer possible. For example, we can no longer loan out warm-up pants, shirts, etc., due to health and safety concerns. **Therefore, it is incumbent upon parents and students to ensure that students arrive to campus in dress code, since it is impossible for SLMS staff to remedy once students are on campus.**

Please contact your child's grade-level administrator if you have any questions about the expectations outlined above.

- Grade 6 – Dr. Dawn Rogers (dawn.rogers@fortbendisd.com)
- Grade 7 – Mr. Luster Goodwin (luster.goodwin@fortbendisd.com)
- Grade 8 – Mrs. Monika Martin (monika.martin@fortbendisd.com)

As always, we greatly value the partnership that exists between home and school. Thank you for helping us to ensure that your child's education can move forward safely and without unnecessary interruptions. Enjoy the three-day weekend, and we will see your child(ren) on Monday, November 2, which will also be an "A" Day (periods 1-4). You should also expect the weekly Titan News blast to come this weekend, as well.

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, Principal