

Face to Face Expectations – January 2021

Sugar Land Middle School

You are receiving this message because you have either requested a learning model change for your child for Term 3 (T3) from online instruction to face to face instruction (F2F) or because your child will continue with face to face instruction from the previous grading period. Either way, we are excited about working with your children. Please take a moment to read all the information below including the links to ensure a safe and smooth transition for your child and his/her peers if you are new to F2F or just to refresh yourself with expectations if your child is continuing with F2F instruction at SLMS.

Prior to Leaving Your Home – A Daily To-Do Item

- **FBISD secondary students are required to complete a daily Wellness Screening, found on Skyward Family Access, each school day prior to 7:30 a.m.** Parents are required to complete the daily Wellness Screening before the student reports to school each morning to ensure a faster check-in process. This form must be filled out each morning, and it cannot be completed before midnight. *Note: Secondary (middle and high school) students will have the option of completing the daily Wellness Screener within Skyward, using their own Skyward credentials.*

Morning Arrival

- Staff are on duty starting at 8:20, therefore no students should arrive on campus prior to 8:20. We request that you not allow your children to congregate at the City Park on the west side of the building while they are waiting before school after school
- All students (car, walker/bike rider and bus riders) will go through the following Screening procedures prior to reporting to class.
 - Each student will show verification on his or her cellphone via the Skyward App prior to gaining entry to the campus. For students who do not have a smartphone, the campus will provide a Student Wellness Card once they arrive, which must be initialed each day as verification of completion of the Skyward Family Access Daily Wellness Screening. **This card is not a substitute for doing the screening in Skyward; the screening still must be done. The card simply signifies that the screening was already completed for that day in Skyward.**
 - Each student will have their temperature taken. FBISD does not allow students with a fever over 100.0 degrees or greater to enter or remain in a building.
 - Students will be checked to ensure they are wearing an appropriate facial covering. For the safety of students and others, all students and staff are required to wear a face covering (cloth or disposable that fully covers their nose and mouth) throughout the day.
- **Car Rider Procedures**
 - No students will exit a vehicle anywhere but in the front circle drive; this is for safety reasons.
 - All car riders will enter the building through the main entrance at the front of the building.
 - Students should remain in their cars until greeted by a staff member on duty
 - When exiting the vehicle, students will exit on the passenger side (curb side) of the vehicle, and they will remain socially distanced using the visual markers. Students will also have verification of their wellness screener displayed up on their device or have their Wellness Card ready to show to the staff member on duty
 - Students will wait in line, socially distanced, until they have been checked by the Wellness Monitor at the entrance
 - At no point should a student be dropped off in the front parking lot or at an undesignated place and asked to cross traffic and walk up to the building. All students must remain in their vehicles until greeted by a staff member.

- **Walker/Bike Rider Procedures**
 - Bike riders must walk their bike once they arrive on the SLMS premises, and they may secure them at the bike racks located near the flagpole at the front of the school
 - When students arrive, they are to remain socially distanced until they are screened by the Wellness Monitor.
- **Bus Riders**
 - Students will follow directions of staff members on duty and remain socially distanced until screened by the Wellness Monitor.
 - As students exit the bus, they will be given a sticker with their route number. If they do not ride the bus to school, teachers will have access to route numbers to assist students.

After Wellness Screening at the Entrance

- Upon entry of the building, students will report directly to their first class of the day. On “A” days, students will report to their 1st period class. On “B” days, students will report to their 5th period class

How Will My Child Receive His/Her New Schedule for T3?

- Your child’s schedule will be visible in Skyward Family Access on or about January 6, 2021
- It would be wise for your child to print/bring a copy of it with them to school.
- In addition, your child will have support accessing their schedule during their first period class.
- Staff members will also have access to first period rosters to assist students as they arrive.

What Supplies Will My Child Need to Bring on January 7 and 8 (and Each Day)?

- All students will need to bring their backpacks with them to school daily. No lockers will be issued, and students will be required to keep their items with them throughout the day, including PE uniforms, devices, etc.
- All students will need to bring their devices fully charged along with their charging cords.
- Students will need their own pens, pencils and paper.
- Any additional supplies will be communicated directly from the teacher during the first week of T3.
- For those students who picked up the At-Home Learning Kits in August, at some point your ELA, math, and science teachers may want you to bring the textbook back to school. Wait for them to communicate to you what they want you to do.

How Will Lunches Be Handled?

- All students will eat lunch in the cafeteria socially distanced from their peers. Students will have assigned seating. This seat may differ on “A” Days and “B” Days (see next item)
- Students may possibly have a different lunch period on the “A” Day than on the “B” Day. This is because lunches are functions of 2nd period and 6th period respectively in the A/B rotation. And until our schedule is completely settled and all grade levels have transitioned into the building, the lunch schedule could fluctuate day to day. We will increase the number of lunch periods from three to four lunch periods each day starting in T3. This due to the increased number of students coming F2F and our desire to keep the lunchroom size at a minimum due to social distancing guidelines, as well as for logistical reasons
- Students have the option of bringing their own lunch to school or receive the free lunch provided by FBISD for the remainder of the school year. A la Carte items cost money, however.
- Out of an abundance of caution while the District operates under pandemic operating procedures, **no outside food (pre-packaged or homemade) for students may be brought into schools by delivery from parent / guardian or external vendors.** Cross-contamination and the possibility of a person touching another person’s portion is too

great of a risk regarding the spread of COVID-19. If a student forgets their breakfast or lunch at home, they may receive a meal from the cafeteria. These will be free of charge through the remainder of the school year

- Students will silently consume their meals without their mask, but once through, they will be required to put their masks back on and hold a conversation with the students around them
- Visitors will not be allowed to eat meals with students on campus.
- Students will have the opportunity to have a snack (that they bring from home) at the beginning of 4th period on “A” Days and at the beginning of 8th period on “B” Days. This is because our lunch schedule starts so early.

Dismissal Procedures

- Students will remain in their classrooms until dismissed by over the PA by an administrator and from their classroom teacher.
- Bus Riders – Students will need to know their bus route number. An announcement will be made over the intercom when each bus arrives. Students will then load their bus from the same location they entered the building that morning. If students forget their bus route number, teachers have this information and will help them
- Walkers/Bike Riders will exit the building through the front entrance (same as arrival) and immediately leave campus.
- Car Riders will be kept socially distant on the car rider line by the staff members on duty. Students may only enter a vehicle in the circle drive, and not along Seventh Street. Parents will prominently display their child’s car rider number on the front windshield of their car. **Please see the next item for details**
- Our car rider line uses a numbering system for each student. It is kind of like the elementary-style dismissal or rainy-day dismissal, except that we use it every day, not just on rainy days 😊. If your child does not yet have a car rider number, please complete this [Car Rider Number Request Form](#), and we will get back with you ASAP to share your car rider number with you. Your child will need to know this number, too, and it will need to be prominently displayed on your windshield during dismissal.
- This process has worked well for the last nine weeks. We do anticipate for dismissal to be slightly slower for T3 because we are adding 120 additional F2F students but losing only 20 to return to online. Thank you for your patience as we work to keep your child safe.

Important Health Information

- Please view the health and safety video provided by FBISD prior to your child returning to campus.
 - <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1840734059>

Dress Code

Please review the [FBISD Dress Code](#). This one-page document has been extracted from page 70 of the [2020-21 FBISD Student/Parent Handbook](#). Students attending F2F must adhere to the dress code, and students online must be in dress code while on camera. Common issues and their resolutions are:

- Students wearing leggings, tights, or tight-fitting clothing - Students must wear a top whose hem goes to at least mid-thigh or lower (but not above mid-thigh). **This has been our #1 item to address**
- 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)

Closing

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to ensure a safe all-around experience for your child, and thank you for being a part of our team. Because we are a learning community, if we determine that any of these procedures need to be adjusted, we may make changes. We welcome your thoughtful feedback, as well. Feedback is how we all learn and grow!

You may also visit the [FBISD Re-Launch Website](#) for more details from the district level.

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel, Principal

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