

KLONDIKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020-2021 REOPENING PLAN



Our objective is to return to the social interaction of a connected learning environment while implementing reasonable measures for student and staff safety.

At KISD, we are committed to a safe and complete return to school on August 13, 2020, and we are preparing to provide full in-person instruction. We have been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in Dawson County and have created a plan that is reasonable and appropriate to do our part to stay healthy and provide a safe learning environment for all of our staff and students. The plans set forth are subject to change depending on future developments, but the following will allow us to return to the school environment we so deeply love and value.

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01--Daily Procedures

In order for KISD to return to social interactions of a connected learning environment, we will be implementing reasonable measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19. These procedures include screening for symptoms, reducing points of congestion in the building, enforcing regular hygiene, and implementing other prevention and mitigation tactics:

- ***District Transportation:***
 - Will be provided for students, but we are encouraging parents who are able to bring their student(s) to and from school.
 - Upon entering the bus, the student will have his/her temperature taken, sanitize hands, and sit as socially-distanced as space allows inside the vehicle.
 - **Parents must wait for the student to be cleared by the driver** and seated inside the vehicle before they may leave the drop-off site.
 - Once arrived at school, students will enter the building by the front office and go to their designated table in the cafeteria for breakfast.

- ***Student drop off times in the mornings by parents:***
 - Students are to arrive on campus between **7:45 am** and 8:30 am. **No one will be allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m., except for extracurricular activities.**
 - All students PK-12 must enter through the doors by the main office.
 - Covid-19 screening procedures of all students will be done by staff members as they enter the building (temperature check and hand sanitation)
 - Parents must wait for the student to be cleared and inside the building before they may leave the drop-off site.
 - Students will go directly to their designated table in the cafeteria and will be given the opportunity to eat breakfast until 8:20 am.

- ***Lunch Time:***
 - To allow for social interaction, students will eat together but must sit at their designated grade level table.



- Lunch tables will be spread out in the cafeteria and foyer to provide room for social distancing.

- ***PE, Recess, and Specials:***
 - Students will enjoy daily PE and recess times that have been staggered to allow for appropriate socialization opportunities while reducing congestion.
 - Special classes, such as Art/Music and Computers, will still be a part of our elementary students' schedules. Students will use their individual device for computers, rather than the computers in the lab, as well as their own headphones (which are on the school supply list.)
 - Sanitization procedures will be in place for any shared supplies.

- ***Pick up Times:***
 - Bus students will exit through the southeast gym doors.
 - PK-1st will exit through the northwest doors at 3:30. Parents should wait on the concrete slab there, and teachers will send students out as parents arrive.
 - 2nd-4th will exit through the cafeteria doors at 3:35. Parents will wait in vehicles and have students walk to their vehicle, or they can wait on the sidewalk.
 - 5th-8th will exit through the cafeteria doors at 3:45. Parents will wait in vehicles and have students walk to their vehicle, or they can wait on the sidewalk.
 - 9th-12th will leave through the southeast gym doors or front entrance.
 - Parents are asked to stay in or near their vehicle upon picking up their students and practice social distancing.

- ***Taking Temperature***
 - Students will have their temperature taken prior to entering school transportation or the building (whichever comes first) and prior to lunch for elementary and junior high students, and prior to athletics for high school students.
 - If a student has a temperature of 100.4 they will not be allowed on the bus or let in the building, and if a student has 100.4 temperature while at school, they will be isolated and monitored by staff in designated areas until parents can come pick up their student.



- **Visitors to campus:**
 - Visitors coming on campus through the main office doors and into the halls will be required to complete a COVID-19 screening form and have their temperature checked, be asked to sanitize hands, and wear a face covering.
 - Visitors are not allowed to come eat meals with students, and if a student has food brought to school, parents may bring that to the main office for delivery to the student.
 - Food brought to school will ONLY be for your student; no sharing of food is allowed.
 - Birthday treats (cupcakes, cookies, etc) brought for the student and their class will not be allowed until further notice.

02--Face Coverings

Our first priority is the safety of our students, employees, families, and surrounding community, and we strive to make the most responsible decisions to facilitate a safe environment for all. We would also like to emphasize that because of the fluid nature of this pandemic, CDC, state and local authority recommendations and mandates may be different on the first day of school than they are at the time of distribution of this information. We will adjust accordingly.

We believe it is wise to have every mitigation resource available, including face coverings, to use when appropriate or required. Face coverings will be defined as cloth masks, disposable masks, face shields, neck gaiters, bandanas, and handkerchiefs that are used to cover both the nose and mouth.

- Faculty, staff, and students (4th grade and up) are required to wear a face covering when entering and exiting the building, and during passing periods.
 - 4th-12th grade will be allowed to wear their own choice of face covering when entering or exiting the building, in the classroom, and during the passing periods.
- We don't intend for the students to wear a face covering for the entire duration of a school day, and faculty and staff will be looking for every opportunity to reduce the use of face coverings when other mitigating strategies can be met.

For example:



- Face coverings are **NOT** required to be worn in the classroom when 6ft of social distancing is available. (teacher discretion)
- Face coverings are **NOT** required when students are outside and are able to maintain 6ft of social distancing. (teacher & coach discretion)
- Face coverings are **NOT** required when eating breakfast & lunch.

03--Remote Learning Plan

We intend to operate in a 100% on site model for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year. This plan is subject to change depending on state and federal mandates, but we are prepared to educate our students without interruption in any circumstance. In preparation for increased absences, we are prepared to deliver instruction to students remotely using technology that will allow students to participate and not fall behind but still be in accordance with TEA attendance guidelines.

Klondike ISD will utilize the following method of remote learning, when students will be absent for an extended period of time due to illness or an extenuating circumstance, or we are required to close by the governing authorities.

- Asynchronous (PK-12th): defined as instruction that does not require having the instructor and student engaged at the same time. In this method, students learn from instruction that is not being delivered in-person or in real time.
 - Teachers will use a combination of online learning platforms, pre-recorded videos and packets to provide instruction, assignments, and assessments.
- To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year students are expected to complete the assignments. The grading policy is located in our campus handbooks. Grading policy will be the same for home learning as it is for on-campus learning.
- Per Texas Education Code TEC, 25.092, students must attend 90% of a course in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade level. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-21 school year. Given the public health situation, student attendance may be earned through the delivery of virtual instruction.

If you have any questions about remote learning, please call the office and talk to Mrs. Therwhanger.



04--Cleaning Protocols

To reduce the transmission of COVID-19, KISD has taken the following sanitation measures:

- Protocols for periodic cleaning and disinfecting of shared surfaces and objects will be implemented throughout the day, both inside and outside the classroom.
- The use of water stations will be minimized. Students are asked to bring a water bottle each day labeled with the student's name. Please dispose of these or wash/sanitize them every day.
- Students will be allowed to enjoy the use of the playground and PE equipment and cleaning protocols will be in place throughout the day to disinfect all the equipment used.

05-- Distancing Guidelines & Supporting A Healthy Campus

KISD will provide the same in-person learning environment students and families have always enjoyed, with the following common-sense protocols in place:

- Daily procedures have been adjusted to avoid congestion in common areas at the beginning and end of the day, as well as at lunch and recess.
- Desks and student seating will be spread out as much is reasonably possible as each classroom space allows. Teachers and staff will ensure students' maintain distance and reduce the shared use of materials.
- Lunchroom seating has been adjusted to assist in socially distancing students, while still allowing them the opportunity to sit together and have social interactions. Protocols will be implemented to reduce/prevent the handling of cups, utensils, and other supplies by multiple people.

Keeping our campus open for learning will require cooperation and support from all of our families. We know the Klondike family and community is up to the task, and we are counting on you to do your part to support this process. **Keeping your children at home when they are not feeling well is essential.**



- Any and all students, faculty, or staff should stay home from school or work if they 1) have tested positive for Covid-19; 2) had close contact with anyone confirmed to have Covid-19 in the prior 14 days; 3) are experiencing symptoms including but not limited to, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, feeling feverish or having a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more, chills, shaking or shivering, headache, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, significant muscle pain or diarrhea.
- KISD will follow the most updated TEA, CDC, and local health authority guidelines to make decisions on a students' removal from and return to campus after experiencing multiple COVID-19 symptoms, and or testing positive for COVID-19.

ATHLETICS, CHEER, and MORE

When feasible and appropriate, it is preferable for students to gather outside, rather than inside, because of likely reduced risk of virus spread outdoors. KISD will continue to offer extracurricular activities at our discretion and consistent with TEA's guidance and with the guidance of UIL.

KISD will consider eliminating assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of students and/or teachers and staff together. Consideration is based on local conditions and health advice.

Pep Rallies: Depending on the direction of UIL requirements, and local, state, and federal regulations, Pep Rally schedules will be modified to limit large crowds and adhere to social distancing. Pep Rallies will be held in the new gym. KISD will hold pep rally events on the day of a home game (**no away games**). However, we will have pep rally events for all playoff games.

PE/Athletics: Physical education is required every day. Exercise hand sanitizer hygiene before and after participating. We will use outdoor activities as the weather permits and facilities allow.

06-- Partial Closures & Plan Review

In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 cases at KISD, we are prepared to follow CDC and local health officials' guidance for a short term (1-2 days) closure of the school facility. If this occurs, we will continue to deliver content using the remote learning model we developed this year and will return to the classroom



promptly after assessing the situation and taking appropriate measures to halt the spread.

- We have an incredible staff who are ready to make this year a truly excellent experience for our entire community. We look forward to partnering with you and we will continue to evaluate our plan and reassess, as necessary, over the course of the next few weeks. We are praying for you and your family and we cannot wait to be together again on August 13th.

- As guidelines referring to COVID-19 and circumstances specific to our community are ever changing, we have selected three dates as part of our campus plan review. On each of these dates, we will evaluate and adjust our plan according to circumstances of our school, community, and state of Texas, as well as the guidelines in place at those times. We will use both local and regional authorities, and health officials in making these decisions. We will continue to add additional dates as necessary.

- Campus plan review dates:
 - September 4
 - September 25
 - October 16

