

# Sunray Collegiate ISD

## School Reopening Plan

Reviewed and updated for the 2023-2024 School Year



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## COMMUNICATION

The designated communication team regarding all COVID19 related issues at Sunray Collegiate ISD will consist of the following personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct those to one of our designated team members.

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work towards a solution to this paradigm shift in education.

*NOTE: Details are subject to change based on guidelines from local, state, and federal authorities.*

### Learning Options for 2023-2024

Sunray Collegiate ISD plans to reopen to provide one option for learning.

1. Full-time, in-person on campus learning

#### Full-time In-person Considerations:

Students will attend school in an as normal as possible environment. Increased cleaning and disinfection of facilities will be implemented. CDC guidelines will be reviewed.

**Asynchronous Online Learning is not an option for the 2023-2024 school year.**

#### Technology:

Sunray Collegiate ISD has prepared for a one-to-one device program for students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our technology will be utilized for in-person learning. If a school device will be taken home, it will be released to students for a \$25 usage fee.

#### Extracurricular Considerations:

Although UIL guidance allows students to participate in extracurricular activities in a virtual format, through the SISD Board Resolution, students who choose to participate in athletics, extracurricular activities, student activity groups, attend activities on school property, and specific CTE courses must choose the in-person option. These courses include, but are not limited to:

- All UIL activities
  - o Athletics
  - o Band
  - o Academics
  - o Theatre
- Cheerleading
- Art

- CTE programs and classes
- Student Activity Groups/Clubs

See SISD's complete Board Resolution at the end of this document.

### **Health/Safety Efforts**

- The following are the protocols we will be putting into place:
  - Germ Blast will be treating our district as needed.
  - Hand sanitizers in each classrooms are available.
  - The nurse's office is available for sick children and adults.
  - We may utilize facial recognition 'ipads' that will take temperatures on staff, students, parents and community members as they come onto campus. Campus principals will utilize these using their discretion.

### **For the 2023-2024 School Year**

- Campus and district custodial/maintenance personnel will continuously work to thoroughly sanitize campuses.
- Hand sanitizer is available on campuses.
- The district nurse will follow protocols for students that become ill at school.
- Hands-free thermometers are available if needed.

### **Return to Work Protocol for Employees**

#### **Symptomatic Employees with Laboratory-Confirmed Diagnosis of COVID-19**

The individual may return to work when the employee has satisfied the recommendations from his/her medical professional.

#### **Non-symptomatic Employees with Laboratory-Confirmed Diagnosis of COVID-19**

The individual may return to work when the employee has satisfied the recommendations from his/her medical professional.

#### **Employees Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

The individual should seek medical care and obtain a COVID-19 test. The individual may return to work when the employee has satisfied the recommendations from his/her medical professional.

#### **Employees with Close Contact to COVID-19**

Staff will follow recommendations from his/her medical professional.

Employee with Recent Travel

Any restrictions based generally on employee travel are difficult. District should encourage communication from employees that have traveled significantly (including domestic and international travel) and make decisions regarding protocols on an individual basis.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### GENERAL

**1. What is Sunray ISD doing to address the needs of students with learning loss?**

Sunray ISD is addressing learning loss with the following instructional methods (list is not exhaustive):

STAAR prep courses

Scheduled intervention times

After school tutoring

Summer school

Campus interventionist

Data tracking- NWEA, interim assessments, and STAAR

ESL support

Classroom inclusion support

**2. What is Sunray ISD doing to address the non-curricular needs of students?**

Sunray ISD addresses students' needs based on their individual situation. Supports we provide are (list is not exhaustive):

Internal counseling personnel

External counseling services recommended

School Resource Officer

Opportunities for students to participate

School Nurse available

Lessons in character building

**3. How will Sunray ISD reopen campuses for the 2023-2024 school year?**

Sunray ISD plans to reopen and provide direct instruction beginning on August 16, 2023.

**4. What if I want to know how many students or staff have been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

We are asking parents not to call wanting information concerning the number of COVID absences for staff and students. As per HIPPA, this information is confidential and cannot be released.

**5. Will students and staff be required to wear masks?**

For the 2023-2024 school year, students will follow recommendations from medical professionals.

**6. What happens if a student or a teacher tests positive for COVID-19? Will the entire classroom have to quarantine and enroll in virtual school? What if multiple classrooms and students/staff are impacted?**

Each incident will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**7. Will visitors be allowed on campuses?**

For 2023-2024, for safety reasons, visitors are only permitted on campuses for special occasions. Communication from each campus will provide the opportunities for visitors on campuses.

**8. What precautions and procedures will the faculty and students follow in the cafeteria?**

Students will continue to eat meals in the school cafeteria. Students are encouraged to either wash his/her hands and/or use hand sanitizer prior to entering the serving area. All cafeteria staff will be wearing gloves to serve staff and students. Tables will be cleaned and disinfected between each lunch service. Each table will be disinfected using one rag and will not be reused. Parents are encouraged to pay for student lunches using the website Myschoolbucks.com .

**9. Can students bring their lunch?**

Yes, student can bring a lunch.

**10. Can parents eat lunch with their child?**

For the 2023-2024 school year, parents are only permitted to eat with students on designated dates. This is for safety purposes.

**11. Will classroom parties be allowed?**

Yes, classroom parties will be permitted only when the campus principal has given approval.

**12. What are some of the symptoms of COVID-19?**

|          |                  |                     |                        |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Cough    | Sore throat      | Shortness of breath | Difficulty breathing   |
| Chills   | Diarrhea         | Muscle Pain         | Loss of taste or smell |
| Headache | Repeated shaking | Temp. >100          |                        |

**PARENT/STUDENT RELATED**

**FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, SUNRAY COLLEGIATE ISD WILL NOT OFFER AN ASYNCHRONOUS OPTION FOR INSTRUCTION.**

**1. How will the district address the social, emotional or mental health concerns of students and staff?**

The district will have a district-wide counselor that will be available to support the needs of students and staff. The district-wide counselor also has resources available if outside support is needed.

**2. Will we still have parent night, open house, assemblies, or concerts?**

Yes

**3. Will we still have athletics?**

Yes, we will participate in athletics following all UIL guidelines.

**4. Will buses run?**

Yes, transportation will continue for eligible regular bus route students.

**5. Will students have recess or the ability to play and socialize with other students?**

Yes

**6. Will students remain enrolled at their school if they choose virtual school?**

There is not a virtual option for the 2023-2024 school year.

**7. Are immunizations required for school?**

Yes. At this time the Texas Department of State Health Services has not waived the vaccine requirements for students.

**Resolution of the Board Regarding Exclusion from  
Extracurricular Activities and Elective Courses**

WHEREAS, Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance authorizes school districts to develop local policy that would exclude students who are receiving all-remote instruction from participating in extracurricular activities and elective courses open only to students in a particular University Interscholastic League (UIL) activity;

WHEREAS, the TEA guidance states that the policy may apply to all students who are learning remotely or only to interdistrict transfer students who are learning remotely and that the exclusion policy must otherwise be applied equally to all students and to all extracurricular activities;

WHEREAS, TEA guidance provides that if a parent chooses remote instruction for their child, the District may limit the student’s return to an on-campus setting to occur only at the end of a grading period if the District believes it is in the student’s educational interest;

WHEREAS, the UIL has clarified that students participating in remote learning offered by their school district, whether synchronous or asynchronous, may participate in UIL activities if they meet all other UIL eligibility requirements in accordance with the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* but that districts may develop local policies with additional requirements for participation; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2020–21 school year, the Board of Trustees of Sunray School District approves the following provision:

*[A student or an interdistrict transfer student]* who is voluntarily participating in an all-remote instructional method, whether synchronous or asynchronous, shall not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity, practice, or performance or elective course open only to students participating in a particular UIL activity for the grading period in which the student is receiving all-remote instruction.

The authority granted by this resolution shall only apply for the 2020–21 school year unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this 3rd day of August, 2020, by the Board of Trustees.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary