

2021-22 MISD Back-To-School Plan

NOTICE

We would like to post, for our parents and the general public, the plan we will follow when we open for the 2021-22 school year. **On-campus instruction for all MISD campuses is scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 18, 2021. MISD will not be offering remote learning.** The Plan includes protocols in place to help prevent infectious viruses from entering the school.

This Back-To-School Plan is based on guidance received from local health officials, as well as state and federal guidelines.

General Information

- As decided by a unanimous vote of the MISD Board of Trustees on March 9, 2021, all MISD students, staff, and visitors have the option of wearing masks or face coverings while in district buildings. For the 2021-22 school year, MISD will **only** provide on-campus (face-to-face) instruction and **will not** provide remote (online) instruction.
- For the purposes of this document, facial coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
- School Counselors will address any social, emotional and academic needs with students and staff.
- MISD will continue to notify families of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 through the MISD website and the district's social media page.

Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19 or Other Infectious Viruses

- All students and staff members should stay home when they are sick.
- Faculty, staff and students are required to self-screen for virus symptoms each day before entering any school bus, building or facility.
- As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person for 10 days who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. The 10 day period begins with onset of symptoms or date of the positive COVID test.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.
- To help mitigate the risk of asymptomatic individuals being on campuses, school systems may provide and/or conduct recurring COVID-19 testing using rapid tests provided by the state or other sources. Testing can be conducted with staff. With prior written permission of parents, testing can be conducted with students.

- School systems are required to notify the local health department of lab confirmed cases of COVID 19.
- School systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing. If school systems are made aware that a student is a close contact, the school system should notify the student's parents.
- Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their student at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. The stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed. Alternatively, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.
- Facial coverings, including masks, face shields or neck gaiters, will be optional for all staff members, students and visitors.
- Visitors will be given access to campuses, including during scheduled meal times, and to perform volunteer activities approved by campus administrators.
- Parent conferences and any other meetings, such as Section 504 or ARD meetings will be held in-person, unless requested by the parent/guardian to be held by phone or through a virtual platform.
- Hand sanitizing stations and sinks will be located throughout each campus and hand sanitizer will be available to students and staff in classrooms.
- Staff and students should wash hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds each time, including before and after meals.
- Campus buildings will open for student access at 7:30 a.m.
- Breakfast and lunch may be eaten in the cafeteria.
- Outside food or gift deliveries will be accepted in the front office at each campus. cafeteria areas will not be open to visitors during lunch times.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after each trip.
- Student field trips or overnight trips will be allowed.
- Reserving MISD buildings or athletic facilities will be allowed.
- Routinely change air conditioning filters to improve air quality in all areas of the school.
- Keep students, staff and community members up to date on CDC guidelines concerning vaccinations and other health protocols.
- Students spaces to the extent allowable will be disinfected when students change location.
- MISD will follow the 3 ft distancing rule when possible.
- Water fountains can be used as refill stations for individual water bottles.

Note: Decisions are made with the best information at the time and are subject to change with limited notice.