Strong Start Natchitoches Magnet

Arrival to School	 Students entering either at the bus or car line will have their temperature taken by a thermal camera. The duty teacher will monitor the temps on an ipad and remove any student with a fever of 100.4 or greater. The secretary will verify the temperature and isolate students with fever and call parents to pick the child up. Students will go to their homeroom hallways and sit at least 6 ft apart with their masks on until 7:20. (6th graders will go to the gym to reduce the number of students in the Jr High hallway. We are asking that car riders do not arrive until 7:20 if at all possible to decrease the number of students in the hallways. Teachers will arrive by 7:20 and students will go to their homeroom class.
	 Breakfast will be delivered to each homeroom at 7:30. Morning announcements/celebrations will occur at 7:40 through a daily google Meet with each homeroom class instead of in the gym.
Social Distancing	 Face to Face classes are evenly balanced per grade level so both classes are the smallest possible. (Currently, the largest class is 17 face to face). Desks are in rows and not in table groups. All tables have been removed from classrooms. There are 6ft floor stickers throughout the building hallways to help with distancing in transit. There will be no large meetings in the school. This includes pep rallies, club meetings, and athletic events. Students will stay in static homerooms and the teachers will move for class change to minimize student groups coming into contact. In grades 1-4, elective teachers will come to the classrooms. In grades 5-8, students will go to electives, however, 5 minutes has been added to the schedule for transition (in a loop so groups don't cross one another) and so that teachers can sanitize between groups. The lunchroom and gym will be partitioned so that no more than 25 students will be in a section.
Sanitation	 Shared equipment/supplies will not be used in any class. This includes PE and playground equipment. Water bottle fillers will replace water fountains. Students may bring refillable water bottles to school. Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout the school and checked multiple times a day to ensure they are always full. Teachers will have hand sanitizer bottles in their classrooms as well as sanitation spray bottles. Desks and doorknobs will be sanitized by the teacher throughout the day. Custodians will do hourly sanitation of the bathrooms. Time has been added in the master schedule for scheduled bathroom and sanitation times. Students will handwash at a minimum of once every two hours, scheduled so no two groups are in the bathroom at the same time.

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Visitors to	Parents of first - time students will be allowed to walk their students to class for the soft start day only. Our
Campus	Mustangs are very independent!
	 Parents must schedule a meeting with the principal to discuss issues or problems. We are trying to minimize the number of people in the building at any one time.
	 Approved visitors must wear face masks to enter the building. No parents will be allowed to visit classrooms after the first day.
	 Approved visitors must also have their temperature taken as they enter.
	 If for some reason you need to come to the office unexpectedly, please call the office to let us know ahead of time (318-357-1252)
Mitigation	Students in grades 3-8 will wear masks throughout the day.
of Spread	Students in grades 1-2 are encouraged to wear a mask.
	Student masks can be any color or design as long as it is not vulgar.
	Face Shields will be permitted in lieu of a mask for a very limited special cases in which students have
	documented medical conditions for which mask wearing puts them in danger. This has to be approved by
	Administration <i>prior</i> to the first day of school and requires a physician's diagnosis and recommendation.
	 Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria, in small groups with no more than 2 grade levels in the partitioned cafeteria at a time.
	 Student groups will not be in the same location for recess and will go at staggered times.
	 Recess has been increased to 20 minutes to accommodate the students moving less throughout the day.
	All faculty and staff will wear masks anytime they are not alone.
Dismissal	Buses are scheduled to come at a very steady rate so that students can be called quickly to the buses from their
	classrooms.
	 Carline students will be in holding areas that are partitioned off so that they can quickly get to the carline as their names are called. These holding areas are:
	a. First grade & 2 nd grade – main hallway left side and right side, respectively
	b. Third grade – 1st grade hallway
	c. 4 th & 5 th grade – cafeteria
	d. 6th – 8th grade – library and orchestra room if needed, depending on car rider numbers.
	Students will wear masks at all times while transitioning for dismissal.
Virtual Students	 Virtual students will pick up their materials on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Your teacher will send a Signup Genius Link through remind so that they can meet with parents one on one and help them set up the student iPad. Parents will need to wear a mask and get their temperature checked. Students are not required to come, but they
	are allowed to.