



REOPENING STATEMENT

Muleshoe ISD is excited to welcome everyone back to school in August. Instructional Guidance from TEA will be followed by Muleshoe ISD as we plan for and implement the reopening of school for the 2022-2023 school year. We are thankful for a community that understands challenges in normal school routines which are being made with the safety of students and staff in mind. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new circumstances.

The District is working to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all. The plan follows recommendations for school opening and operations from several groups and local health officials.

Reviewed

Community Input Stake Holder Meeting May 19, 2021

October 18, 2021

June 20, 2022

Please note that details are subject to change based on guidelines from local, state, and federal authorities. As adjustments may be necessary throughout the coming school year, it will be our priority to keep the community informed of those changes and updates. The Muleshoe ISD website will provide you with the most up-to-date information.

Learning Option

Muleshoe ISD plans to reopen all campuses on August 17, 2022. It will offer a traditional On Campus In-Person instructional setting.

Remote Learning will not be offered at this time. The requirements for Remote Learning are significantly more demanding on a student's daily participation and completion of work at home.

If Required Muleshoe will offer 2 Choices for Students to Receive Instruction "CHOICE LEARNING"	
Option 1 - In-Person Instruction On-Campus	Option 2 - Remote Learning from Home
Traditional Setting	Remote Learning Platform- Asynchronous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Instruction provided on MISD campuses ➤ Strict health protocols will be in place ➤ 90% Daily Attendance Required ➤ Eligible for extracurricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All learning will take place at home ➤ Higher expectations of student performance than Spring 2020 ➤ 90% Daily Attendance Required

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Eligible to take all offered electives ➤ Recommended as the most effective instructional setting for most students ➤ Most Classes set up in Google classroom to assist students ➤ 70% Mastery of grade level/course subject required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Handwashing ➤ Hand sanitizer ➤ No sharing of supplies ➤ Eligible to take all offered electives within personal graduation plan ➤ Attend Registration August 4th or 5th ➤ If you register online the signed documents need to be submitted or turned into your campus office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students must stay in remote learning format until end of the grading period (six-weeks) ➤ Supervision by adult is strongly suggested ➤ Limited number of electives available to take online ➤ 70% Mastery of grade level/course subject required ➤ Attend Registration August 4th or 5th ➤ If you register online the signed documents need to be submitted or turned into your campus office
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Guidelines for 2022-2023 School Year

Registration:

All students will need to register for the 2022-2023 school year through the Muleshoe ISD website, or at Registration August 4th and 5th at each campus. **Parents will be required to register their child for the 2022-2023 School Year.**

Registration Details for the 2022-2023 School Year are as follows:

JULY 17-AUGUST 5 Online Registration for Returning Students

AUGUST 4-5 Registration for Students.

<u>STUDENT REGISTRATION</u>		
Dillman: August	4 TH	10:00 AM---6:00 PM
August	5 TH	9:00 AM---3:00 PM
DeShazo: August	4 TH	10:00 AM---6:00 PM
August	5 TH	9:00 AM---3:00 PM
JH: August	4 TH	10:00 AM---6:00 PM
August	5 TH	9:00 AM---3:00 PM
HS: August	4 TH	10:00 AM---6:00 PM
August	5 TH	9:00 AM---3:00 PM

Remote Learning from Home Considerations if Required by the State:

Remote Learning from Home (asynchronous) is a fluid option that can be accessed at any time. Internet access will be necessary. The District will not be mailing out packets. It is important that students understand that Remote Learning attendance is based on daily engagement, not solely the completion of assignments. State law TEC §25.092 and Muleshoe ISD Policy still require students to attend at least 90% of their classes to receive credit and be promoted.

Once the remote learning option is chosen, the student must remain with that option until the end of that six-week grading period. Parents must inform the campus of the student's return to in-person attendance by the deadlines listed below. The form can be obtained from your campus.

Changing options frequently may have a negative impact on a student's ability to receive credit for the course as well as their academic success.

Grading Period	Notification Deadline
Second	September 23, 2022
Third	November 4, 2022
Fourth	December 16, 2022
Fifth	February 10, 2023
Sixth	March 31, 2023

Muleshoe High Dual Credit and Honor Classes

Muleshoe High students will need to be On Campus for Dual Credit and Honors courses.

Extracurricular Considerations:

MISD students who choose to participate in extracurricular activities and certain CTE courses can participate remotely **if** they have prior permission from the Administration and come to the indicated activity period and ALL PRACTICES IN PERSON. **This policy will be re-evaluated at the end of each six weeks.** These courses include:

- All UIL activities
 - Athletics including Cheerleading
 - Band
 - Academics
 - Art
 - Theatre
- CTE Courses

- Construction Trades
- Welding
- Designated Ag Sciences
- Designated Health Sciences
- Designated Family Consumer Sciences

Technology:

The district has procured devices for staff and students. Information concerning technology use, fees, and distribution will be provided to parents by their child's home campus. All students will sign a technology agreement. Muleshoe ISD has ordered more technology for both on-campus learning and remote learning.

Instructional Efforts Underway for the New School Year

- Developing instructional models that support both in-person and remote learning through Google Classroom and other learning management systems.
- Providing a Chromebook for students in grades 3 through 12.
- Providing iPads for students in grades K through 2.
- Working to continue to provide solutions for broadband internet for those students who do not have internet service at home.
- Teachers will utilize similar grading policies in both the Remote Learning or On Campus options
- Teachers will plan instruction that is quickly and easily transferable from On-Campus to Remote Learning in the event of a temporary school closure due to COVID-19 spread.

Health/Safety Efforts Underway for the New School Year

- Monitoring the potential impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Bailey County and following guidance provided by local health organizations
- Sanitizing buses to thoroughly and widely disinfect twice daily. The District also disinfects locker rooms, weight rooms, and equipment cages
- Hand sanitizer stations located at all facility entrances
- Hand sanitizer available for all classrooms
- Face coverings are optional
- Many staff members will be wearing masks

- Many students may choose to use a face covering of their own, or one can be provided by the district.
- Social distancing (6 feet or 2 arm's length) will be enforced when possible
- Limit the number of visitors to campuses and only by appointment
- Handwashing and/or hand sanitizing is required frequently throughout the day. Proper self-care habits will be taught.
- Water Fountains will be closed; students are asked to bring their own water.

Return to School Protocols

Return to onsite work protocols for Muleshoe ISD campuses and administration buildings will be in place. Since this is an ever-changing situation, the district may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students, employees, and the community. Please note, health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation.

Preparation for the Opening of School

Muleshoe ISD will ensure all staff, resources and supplies are prepared for opening school, including but not limited to, assigning sufficient staff to carry out re-opening, ensuring proper training and stocking inventory of necessary supplies, such as personal protective equipment (PPE)

Protocols for Screening and Isolation

All students and staff should be screened by temperature for symptoms daily and individuals with symptoms will be separated and sent home. Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the nurse if symptoms are present.

Muleshoe ISD currently has four Nurses for our four campuses. Nurses will help monitor health situations for students and staff.

Staff and students should not enter campuses or district buildings if running temperature. Staff members will self-check temperature. The individual will refrain from attending school if sick. Symptoms to watch for: fever (100°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, has a confirmed case of COVID-19, or has been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19, has a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results, or who is awaiting their own test results. These individuals must follow current local health protocols.

Isolation Protocols

For students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling feverish, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home. Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.

Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus (go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) so that the classroom can be disinfected. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health officials.

Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected.

Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be permitted to return to school when:

- They are 3 days (72 hours) fever-free without using fever-reducing medication
- They experience improved symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing, etc.);
- Other protocols will be followed as determined by local officials.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

1. What precautions will be in place on campus?

Students will be screened by temperature and other symptoms by staff, nurses, and teachers. The District is preparing to have a good supply of hand sanitizer, masks, face shields, cleaning supplies and more.

2. Will social distancing be observed?

All areas of the campus will be monitored frequently to encourage social distancing. Social distancing will be observed as much as possible, but at times students will be closer than the recommended 6 feet apart.

Signage reminding students and staff about handwashing, social distancing, and infection prevention will be posted throughout the school and in areas mentioned above.

3. What are the symptoms for COVID-19?

The symptoms may include cough, fever, chills, shortness of breath, muscle pain, sore throat, and/or loss of taste or smell.

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

When notification of a possible exposure occurs, MISD, in coordination with local health authorities, will begin contact tracing and complete a thorough risk assessment. Based on this assessment, a determination as to whether an entire classroom or multiple classrooms are required to quarantine will be made. At this time, MISD plans to use the **COVID-19**

Standard Response Protocol located in Appendix 1 of this document. Students will have the opportunity to access virtual content during the quarantine period. Students will be eligible to return to On-Campus learning at the end of their quarantine period.

5. Will visitors be allowed on campuses?

Visitors will be allowed on campuses on a very limited basis using the guidelines below.

- Visits must be official school business and have a scheduled appointment
- All visitors required to utilize hand sanitizing stations upon entry
- Parents will be required to drop off students at designated drop off locations
- Students may bring lunch, and drop-off or delivery of lunches is allowed
- Visitors will be allowed to eat with students until further notice
- Classroom parties will be allowed until further notice

Parent/Student Related

1. What if most families choose the in-person option? Would there have to be changes to accommodate social distancing or will there be a limit of how many students can select the in-person option?

We will continue to work closely with staff to ensure the safety of our students. We believe we will be able to provide instruction to students in whichever format their families choose. Keep in mind, MISD will comply with all mandates regarding social distancing, masks as well as health and hygiene protocols.

2. How will you address social, emotional, or mental health concerns?

Counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally and can provide mental health support or resources for families who may be struggling emotionally. If a student needs to schedule a counseling session, please contact the campus counselor.

3. Will buses run?

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

4. Will social distancing be observed on buses, and how will seating arrangements be determined?

We cannot guarantee 6-foot social distancing on our district transportation. Students will be instructed with specific safety protocols. The bus driver and students will use hand sanitizer that will be provided. School buses will be cleaned and disinfected twice daily.

5. What precautions will be in place for athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities?

Safety guidelines have been developed for conducting workouts, rehearsals, and practices. The district will continue to follow mandated guidelines provided by UIL. On July 21, 2020, UIL provided a 50% capacity rule. Ticket sales may be on-line. Season tickets will not be sold this year.

6. Will students remain enrolled at their school if they choose remote learning?

Yes, students will remain enrolled at their home school.

7. Will meals be provided for students who select remote learning?

Daily meal pickup will be determined as the need arises and details will be provided if necessary.

8. Are immunizations required for remote school?

Yes. At this time the Texas Department of State Health Services has not waived the vaccine requirements for students. COVID vaccine is optional for students and staff.

9. How will remote learning be different from at-home learning during the closure of spring 2020?

Students who select remote learning will be required to attend and participate in class daily, and instruction will be led by a teacher. In the spring last year, students' assignments were limited. Remote learning if required will be a full course load of instruction and assignments that is equivalent to what students who are attending school in-person will be required to complete. It will be the responsibility of the parent and student to ensure remote learning meets the same expectations as in-person learning which includes completion of all assignments, daily communication with teacher and daily time commitment. Teachers delivering remote instruction will receive additional training and support in digital teaching strategies and using online curriculum. Both in-person and remote learning will utilize a similar grading system.

10. Who will be required to take State assessments?

The Texas Education Agency has advised that students participating in both in-person and remote learning will be required to participate in state (STAAR/EOC/TELPAS, etc.) testing.

11. Will packets be available for instruction if we do not have access to a device or internet?

No, packets will not be considered instruction as we move into the 2021-2022 school year. Packets are to be determined for Elementary students.

12. Can a student be counted absent from remote learning?

Yes. In the remote learning instructional method, student engagement is measured daily, and attendance is assigned based on the student's completion of that day's engagement measure. Students who do not complete the daily measure of engagement are to be

counted absent for that day, and that absence cannot be changed to present if the student completes the engagement measure on a later date.

13. Under the remote learning instructional method, if a student decides to complete the entire weeks' worth of work on Monday, can the student's attendance be coded to show perfect attendance for the week?

No. In the remote learning instructional method, student engagement is measured daily, and attendance is assigned based on the student's completion of that day's engagement measure. Students who do not complete the daily measure of engagement are to be counted absent for that day, and that absence cannot be changed to present if the student completes the engagement measure on a later date.

14. Will the 90% minimum student attendance for class credit rule be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year?

Yes. The minimum attendance for class credit rule of TEC, §25.092, will be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year, and TEA will not be issuing waivers for LEAs to exempt themselves from the rule. Students are required to attend at least 90% of their classes (with some exceptions) to receive credit and be promoted. Remote attendance will count in the same manner as on-campus attendance in satisfying this requirement.

15. Will truancy laws be in effect during the 2021-2022 school year for students receiving remote instruction due to COVID-19 related closure or health concerns?

Truancy laws will apply to students who fail to attend school either on-campus or remote learning.

Staff Related





1. As a staff member can I visit another campus?


All guidelines listed above are in effect unless you are visiting a campus for school related business. Staff members will be asked to remain flexible as schedules and assignments may change due to circumstances on the campus or in the district.

Appendix: I

Muleshoe ISD

COVID-19 Standard Response Protocol

 <p>Risk</p>	<p>PREVENTION: <i>No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health prevention measures are in place. • Daily intensive cleaning and frequent cleaning of facilities. • Limited visitor access. • Monitoring virus trends in the community via local health officials. • Communicate to employees and district community.
 <p>Risk</p>	<p>MITIGATION: <i>One of more confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 at one facility.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person(s) with close contact of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be advised to self-quarantine. • Affected areas are closed until deep cleaning is complete. • Self-monitoring, preventative measures and staying home if ill. • Limited visitor access. • Communicate to employees and district community.
 <p>Risk</p>	<p>MODIFIED OPERATIONS: <i>Three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases in one specific area.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff from that area may be asked to self-quarantine. • Students impacted may be asked to move to remote learning. • Affected area will be closed until deep cleaning is complete. • Self-monitoring, preventative measures, and staying home if ill. • No visitor access. • Communicate to employees and district community.
 <p>Risk</p>	<p>FACILITY CLOSURE: <i>COVID-19 cases exceed 12% of facility occupancy.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire facility may be closed for a minimum of two days. • All students and staff may return if symptom free upon determination by school and health officials. • Those infected or in close contact with infection will be asked to self-quarantine. • No visitor access. • Communicate to employees and district community.

	<p>DISTRICT CLOSURE: <i>COVID-19 cases exceed 12% of occupancy within the District's facilities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MISD facilities may close for a minimum of 5 days.• Students and staff may move to remote learning and work.• Disinfection of all facilities and school buses.• All properties (playground, gym, athletic facilities, etc.) may be closed.• Communicate to employees and district community
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ALL COVID 19 cases will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Administration will consider local health protocols, the overall safety of our students and staff, and the educational needs of our students when determining our response.