

## Parents and Guardians:

We are looking forward to another school year! However, several changes are taking place. Here is a run down of the Middle School plan.

This year students will be able to do face-to-face or virtual learning. If a student chooses virtual, they will not be able to switch back to face-to-face until the end of a grading period (6 weeks) nor participate in UIL or school events. Students will receive their schedules in the mail prior to August 17.

### Face-to-face learners:

1. 6th grade and 7th graders will arrive using the front MS door (facing the HS gym). 8th grade will arrive using the south door (facing the portables). Masks or shields will be worn in the building. Please bring your own; however, if you forget yours, the school will have disposable ones for students to use. Also, please try your best not to arrive early but yet be on time for the regular 8:00am start of instruction. We will not have a holding area for you before school; you will be allowed in at 7:50 am.
2. Once students get into their first period class, temperature will be checked on each student and a quick symptoms check will be given and recorded. (Teachers will also be checked each morning.) If a fever of 100.4 or higher is detected, they will be sent to the nurse. If no fever is present, they may return back to class. If a fever is present, a parent or a guardian will be called to come pick the student up.
3. Lunch will again be open- campus. Those choosing to eat in the cafeteria may do so but will sit every other seat on one side of the table only. No microwaves will be available.
4. Classrooms will do their very best to keep social distancing in place. We have privacy folders that can be put up to keep others at length. There will have times where masks breaks can take place. We will have each room wiped down throughout the day and disinfected each afternoon following school dismissed. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be in each room for student use. Students will not be sharing supplies so they need to make sure that they have all needed supplies in their zippered binder. Laptops will be assigned to them individually to take to each class and home. They will need to make sure they are charged each evening and brought to school each day. They need to be placed in the zippered binder or a laptop bag of some form to keep protected. **NO BACKPACKS!**
5. Lockers will be assigned; however, we will discourage use between each class. Students should have everything they need in their binders.
6. Micro Closure procedures will be enacted for students/staff who come into "close contact" with a person who contracts COVID-19. A microclosure is a short shutdown between 1-5 days, during which deep cleaning procedures will be administered on the campus. During this microclosure, students will be taught online by their teachers. Parents may request 14 day remote instruction if a student has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. ○ Close contact is defined as:
  - a. ■ being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or

- b. ■ being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield
7. If a student must be picked up during school hours, we ask that parents call the school (806-561-4119) when you arrive. We will sign the student out and send them to your vehicle.

#### Virtual Learners:

1. Students doing virtual learning will log into Google Classroom each class period simultaneously with as if they were here at school. So, at 8:00 am, they would log into their 1st period class. There, they will be able to hear the teacher and see any written notes as the class progresses. At the end of the class, they will log out and into the 2nd period class and do the same. They will have 4 minutes between classes to go to the restroom and stretch, just like here at school. This will continue throughout the school day. The time schedule will be followed at home just as it is here at school. This will enable students to have in class interactions and notes each day and for each class. Band, athletics, and PE may look differently, but I will get that information to you later. Here is a link to help parents navigate through Google Classroom.  
<https://tinyurl.com/y3ghl7tj>
2. Attendance will be taken each day, each class. Please make sure your child is logging into each class. 90% attendance is required per Texas Education Code (TEC), 25.092. We will be monitoring this. Students failing to maintain the 90% will be subject to truancy just as face-to-face learners.
3. Grading guidelines for virtual school will follow the same as campus grading guidelines utilized for students enrolled in face-to-face instruction. Assignment due dates will also coincide with face-to-face learners.
4. We do ask for virtual learners to come in to take lock down tests such as MAP and STAAR. We will isolate these students in rooms with no more than 5. Upon completion of the test, they will be released to go home. Please note that we will be MAP testing the first week of school on Thursday and Friday morning for face-to-face learners.. Virtual learners (VL) will take their MAP tests on Thursday, Aug. 13 when they pick up laptops; so on Aug. 13, they will be here a few hours to test. While MAP testing, students will be spread out in different classrooms spaced at least 6 ft. apart. Thursday and Friday morning, Aug. 19 and 20, they (VL) will log into Google classroom for attendance only since they will have already taken their MAP tests.
5. For students in need of internet access, please contact the school office. [806-561-4119](tel:806-561-4119).

We will not have an Open House this year. The Title I meeting will be available online on the school's website. Please note that any or all of this could change at any time. This will be new to all of us and will be frustrating at times; however, we will get through this together. We will do our best to keep you informed and keep all students safe and well. We look forward to seeing our kiddos again!