



Needville Elementary School

2020-2021 School Opening

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WELCOME BACK LIL' JAYS



- NES will open school on August 24, 2020. Students are provided face-to-face instruction and have the option to receive instruction virtually.
- Teachers and staff will be calling parents (Meet the Teacher) on August 19 in the afternoon or August 20. Face-to-Face students will receive instructions for the first day and information on school supplies. Virtual students will receive log-in instructions for accessing the online curriculum and Google Classroom.
- Several guidelines are in place to ensure that our school is a safe environment for all during the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of our students and staff is a top priority.

The NISD website, www.needvilleisd.com, also provides 3 documents as a resource for you. The links are located on the **COVID-19** tab on the home page.

- 20-21 NISD school opening plan, see latest date on bottom right corner
- District Health Service Return to School Plan provided by the NISD Health Services team, see latest date in red on top right.
- 20-21 Public Health Planning Guidance from TEA



Face-to-Face Instruction

- Students and staff will be required to self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus.
- Students will be expected to wear face coverings (face masks or shields are acceptable) as they enter and exit the building, during transition, and as well as in the classroom when social distancing is not possible. Exceptions are during lunch, snack, and outside PE and recess.
- There will be an increased vigilance for cleaning, and students should practice hand washing and sanitizing throughout the school day. Staff will assist in this process.
- When students arrive at 7:30 they will go to their classrooms. If they arrive between 7:15 - 7:30 they will be seated in their grade level hallways. Assigned staff will assist our students during arrival.
- Students that eat breakfast when arriving need to be dropped off at the Banker Street side door and go directly to the white cafeteria. Bus riders who eat breakfast will need to go directly to the white cafeteria.
- Students and staff will be asked to sanitize their classroom work areas.
- Lunches will be rotated in the cafeteria and the classrooms.
- No visitors will be allowed at this time.
- Students will participate in PE and recess.
- Field trips and grade level programs will be postponed at this time.

Transportation



- It is highly recommended for all students to be dropped off at the school by a parent.
- Students riding the bus will be required to wear masks on the bus.
- Sanitizer will be given to each student as they enter the bus by the bus driver.
- All buses will be sanitized at the end of each route.

Virtual Instruction

- Virtual instruction will be provided through an asynchronous model of a blend of NES online curriculum and Google Classroom provided by a grade level teacher and support staff. It will look different from the virtual instruction provided March-May of last school year.
- Online teacher hours will be communicated to virtual students.
- Students will be expected to work on their classes every day that school is in session. Attendance and the amount of time a student is engaged will be monitored daily. The student will need to be engaged in their online learning for a minimum of 4 hours per day. The teacher will provide a schedule for student learning.
- The online curriculum will primarily be aligned with face to face curriculum and will be monitored by the assigned virtual classroom teacher(s).
- If a student is not engaged consistently, or is failing, they can be removed from virtual learning and placed in face-to-face classroom learning.
- If a student chooses virtual learning, that student will not be allowed on campus from 8:00-4:00 each regular school day.

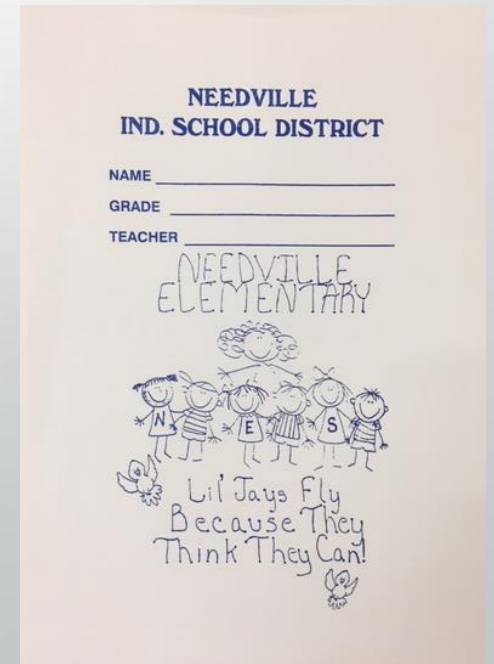
Attendance



- Face-to-Face Instruction: Attendance is taken daily at 10:10. Please see Needville Elementary Student Handbook pages 10 and 30.
- Virtual Instruction: Students must be online for a minimum of 4 hours per day. If students fail to meet the four hour requirement, you will be marked absent for that school day.
- Face-to Face and Virtual Instruction students are required to be present 90% of the semester to receive credit and excessive absences will be referred to the CARC committee.

Grading Procedures

- Face-to-Face Instruction: Students will follow the grade level grading policies in the Needville Elementary Student Handbook pages 47-49.
- Virtual Instruction: Grading procedures will be the same for online learners as Face-to-Face learners. Work needs to be submitted on time for credit. Failure to have passing grades at the end of each 6 week grading period could result in un-enrollment in choice virtual learning and enrollment in Face-to-Face learning.



Student Meals

- Face-to-Face Instruction: All meals purchased in the cafeteria will be boxed for each individual student.
- Virtual Instruction: Meals will be available for all registered students. Meals can be picked up daily at Needville Junior High or Needville Elementary (9200 Banker Street side). Students will need their student ID number for meal pick up.



- It is highly recommended for a student to remain in their choice of instruction (face-to-face or virtual) until the end of the 6 week grading cycle to make a change in choice of instruction. This allows a better transition for the student from one instruction model to the other. The parent needs to schedule a phone appointment with the principal to discuss learning model changes at least one week prior to end of 6 weeks to help with transition.
- As we approach this change in public education, the staff at NES will continue to provide students with the best opportunities to learn with the guidelines provided. Safety will continue to be a top priority as well as the achievement and accomplishments of our Lil' Jays.



Frequently asked Questions

- **Are there any stipulations for the types of masks allowed?** Our Lil' Jays may wear masks, face coverings, or shields. They can be any color, have cartoon characters, etc. They must be age appropriate.
- **When will the students wear their masks?** We ask that they wear the mask when entering the building, when exiting the building, when transitioning and in the classroom when social distancing is not possible. Our Lil' Jay staff will work with your child from the first day of school on so that we can show them what this looks like, the proper way to wear a mask, how to keep up with the mask, etc. We will also be providing each Lil' Jay a lanyard that they can attach their mask to during the day. The lanyard will not go home with them, but the mask will each day.
- **Will the students be eating lunch in the cafeteria?** The students will either be eating lunch in the cafeteria or in the classroom. A staggered lunch schedule is in place as well as rotation of location.
- **Can students bring their lunch from home?** Yes! We just cannot accept outside deliveries for lunch.
- **Will students have PE and Recess?** Yes! They will have PE with their Coaches and Recess with their teachers.
- **Will transitions be limited?** Yes! Music and Library will visit the classrooms for their lessons at this time. Students will use chromebooks in the classroom for their computer time at this time.

Frequently asked Questions

- **Will the dismissal be staggered?** Yes! We have always had a staggered dismissal. We have the same times set for dismissal as before.
- **What do I do on the first day of school?** As we have always done, our teachers will contact you for a virtual “Meet The Teacher” on Wednesday PM August 19th or Thursday throughout the day August 20th. The teachers will call you. The teachers will provide ALL of the first day information then as well as provide you with a virtual tour of the school/grade level area.
- **What do I do about all of the supplies since I cannot walk my child in on the first day?** No worries! Just send a few supplies each day with your child. We don’t want to overload their hands or backpack! For our PreK and Kinder students, be sure and send their mat the first day. They will be ready for their nap!!! (And if that is all you send, it is OK!!!!)
- **How will you know who my child is?** The teachers will give you more information on this. However, I can say for the first day, please have your child come in with a homemade name tag with first and last name, grade level, and teacher (You will know who the teacher is because she will call you!) This will assist us in getting your child to the right room.
- **When my child gets to school, how will they know where to go?** We have our wonderful NES Staff members who will be stationed at various locations throughout the building. We will all work together to get your child to where they need to go!
- **Can I walk my child in?** I am sorry, but due to the current circumstances we are not able to have any visitors in our building to do this. We will have staff members who will greet your child as they exit the car or bus and as stated above, we will assist them in transitioning through the building.

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- We look forward to working with you and our Lil' Jays throughout this school year. Thank you in advance for your support!