

Chickasaw Elementary School

Return-To-School Plan

The Chickasaw Elementary School site specific plan is built within the framework of considerations issued by the DeSoto County School District in the DCS Return-To-Learn Plan, 2020-2021. The district Return-To-Learn Plan can be viewed on the district website: www.desotocountyschools.org. As we move forward and approach the upcoming school year, please know we are striving to do what is best for all of our students and staff. Our number one priority is the safety of our students, staff, and visitors.

Listed below are the measures that will be in place to protect students and staff and create the best environment for learning to take place.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

- Doors will open at 7:05am. Students will go straight to classrooms.
- All breakfast will be delivered to classrooms. All students will receive a free breakfast.
- Due to more parents choosing to transport their own children, we realize this may lengthen our car rider line. Our tardy bell has been extended and will not ring until 7:50am.
- Traffic patterns will be clearly marked for students entering the building.
- Dismissal will be staggered. Bus riders will be released first. Buses will exit the CES campus at 2:25pm. Once buses exit campus, walkers will be dismissed to the front of the school. We ask that parents remain on the grassy area across from the school. A staff member will escort students across the crosswalk to parents. Daycare students will be led to the CES library. These students will be dismissed from the library exit. Car riders will be dismissed last. Due to increased numbers of car riders and social distancing guidelines, we will operate two car rider lines---3rd grade car riders will dismiss from the south side of the building. 2nd grade car riders will dismiss from the north side of the building. *See attached map. Should we have siblings in opposite grades, they will pair up and dismiss from the 3rd grade line.
- Staff members assisting with car rider dismissal will wear gloves and masks.

CAFETERIA

- Our cafeteria will operate on an alternating schedule. 2nd grade classes will eat in the cafeteria on A Weeks, and 3rd grade classes will eat in the cafeteria on B Weeks. Classes will be assigned two tables to allow students to spread out in the cafeteria. Whichever grade level is not eating in the cafeteria will eat in classrooms or picnic outside weather permitting.
- There will be one entrance and one exit in the cafeteria.
- Table placement allows for spacing between classes.
- Seats are marked for distancing.
- There will be no visitors in the cafeteria unless prior approval is obtained. This will be reserved for birthdays and special occasions. Should this approval be granted, the visitor and that particular student only will be seated at a separate table.
- Classes eating in classrooms will be served lunches in foam hinged to-go boxes to maintain cleanliness from cafeteria to classrooms.

TRANSITIONS

- Traffic patterns will be clearly marked in hallways to ensure adequate distance among classrooms.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled to ensure social distancing.

RECESS/ACTIVITY

- PE and computer will be the only activities held outside the classroom.
- Students will be spread out in the gym, or, weather permitting, PE will be held outside. Activities will be staggered to allow for sanitizing of equipment between classes.
- Computer keyboards and equipment will be sanitized between classes.
- There will be no library book check out at this time.
- During art, students will use their own supplies.
- There will be one class only per recess zone.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized between recess groups.

CLASSROOMS

- No shared supplies. Personal supply bags or boxes will be utilized.
- Students seated in desks will be spaced apart and not facing each other. Students seated at tables will have study corral partitions.
- Classroom libraries will be closed. However, students will be allowed to choose a limited number of books on Mondays to go in their reading bags. These bags will remain at school all week. On Fridays the books will be returned to the classroom library. These books will not be used by students again until Monday of the following week.
- 3rd graders will not swap classes. Instead, the team teachers will swap to the opposite classes. Manipulatives will be sanitized between classes.
- Small groups will be kept to a smaller size, and students will be spread out.
- Staff will wear shields when instructing small groups.

- Every student is encouraged to bring a water bottle from home daily.

OTHER

- The district has provided an additional day porter that will continuously clean highly touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Conferences will be held virtually or by phone.
- Signage will be posted throughout the school regarding measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. These measures include but are not limited to being aware of COVID-19 symptoms, proper hand washing procedures, and good hygiene practices. Additionally, daily announcements will be made regarding these areas.
- At this time visitors will be permitted into the building by appointment only and with administrator approval.
- Masks are recommended for all students and staff.

This plan outlines procedures for on-campus learning. Should you choose for your child to receive virtual instruction, you can visit the district website at www.desotocountyschools.org/distancelearning for details regarding virtual instruction. Any questions regarding distance learning can be sent to distancelearning@dcsms.org. The application deadline is Wednesday, July 22.

Should you have additional questions or need further clarification regarding CES site specific measures, please call (662)895-6664.