

South Side Elementary - Reopening Plan and Registration Information

Registration will take place July 21-24th from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Registration will be a drive-through registration. This year, we will only need your 2 proofs of residency if you have a new address, or if you are registering a new student in the district. Parents will be completing the information card and selecting whether their child will participate in distance learning or traditional learning. Below, you can find information on distance education vs. traditional education to aid you in your decision.

Please note that this is South Side’s reopening plan for August in accordance with CDC recommendations. This is a fluid plan that could become stricter or more lenient as CDC guidelines change. Parents will be notified throughout the year as this plan changes.

Brief Overview of Distance Learning vs. Traditional Learning

Below are the basic guidelines for the two options. All South Side students will be issued a Chromebook as a part of their school materials for the 2020-2021 school year to aid in either option or to have readily available in the event of sudden school closures. All students will learn how to use Canvas, our online platform so that they are familiar with the program. No matter the route that is preferred, South Side Elementary is committed to providing high quality academic instruction and will always do our best to provide safe, happy learning environments for our students.

| | <u>Distance Learning</u> | <u>Traditional</u> |
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| <p><u>Assignments, Participation, and Grading</u></p> <p>Distance Learning has been designed to be rigorous and effective.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Student must have access to reliable internet. -Students must participate in online lessons to receive credit and to be counted present. -Many online lessons can be accessed at the student’s convenience. Face to face (live) conferences or lessons may be scheduled. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School assignments will be given traditionally. -Absences and grades will be counted traditionally. -Parents are encouraged to plan for the possibility of sudden school closures where internet, cell service, and childcare will be needed. -A student who chooses traditional will participate in traditional activities with their class. Students will go where the class goes. |
| <p><u>Length of Commitment</u></p> <p>A commitment is necessary to avoid constant interruptions to class rosters and for proper classroom management.</p> | <p>Distance learning is a 4 week commitment. After 4 weeks, students who continue distance learning will commit to the end of the first semester. In December, parents may select distance or traditional.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students may swap to distance learning at any time, by choice, and this must be communicated to the school office. -If a student is forced into distance learning amid a health scare, they will be required to complete the term before returning to the traditional setting. |
| <p><u>Instructor and Class Rosters</u></p> <p>3rd Grade Distance Teacher: Lashawn Bush</p> <p>4th Grade Distance Teacher: Kristina Meyer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students will be given instruction by the distance educator for each grade level. This teacher will have no traditional students and will focus on providing high quality lessons, assignments, feedback, and will grade online work. -If necessary, a traditional teacher could be swapped to distance teacher as more students opt for distance learning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3rd Graders will have 1 teacher. and 4th Graders will have a 2-teacher team. -Students who swap to distance will be assigned to the distance learning teacher. If the student returns to traditional learning, they will be placed with their original, traditional teacher if class sizes allow for this. We cannot guarantee that the original teacher will be available. -In the event of a sudden school closure, each student will be instructed by the teacher they are currently assigned to, meaning that all teachers will become distance teachers. |

Traditional Learning

Masks/Face Coverings – Social Distancing

All students will be required to have a face mask. There will be areas of the building where students will be required to wear them and areas where they may be removed. When students leave the classroom to visit the restroom, attend special subjects, travel to the cafeteria, or another similar reason, face masks will be required. Students will also be encouraged to keep 4 floor tiles in between them and their neighbors in the line.

Fanny Packs for Personal Belongings and Hygiene

Students will be issued a fanny pack and/or will be allowed to bring one from home. The fanny pack will be required and worn throughout the school day. When masks are not in use, they will be placed in the fanny pack. Small personal items like masks, pencils, money, and personal sanitizer may be kept in the fanny pack. This will minimize the transfer of germs through dropped masks, lost masks, or shared items. This will be especially helpful because masks are required in the transition areas and then can be taken off at various places in the building.

Students Entering the Building Daily

Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school as much as possible to decrease the number of students riding buses. There are three entrances to South Side when arriving at school. These entrances are the bus lane, the South Side car rider entrance, and the Church Hill car rider entrance. All three of these locations will have duty teachers that will check temperatures of all students entering the building with a “No Touch” Thermometer. For students who are car riders, temperatures will be taken at the car and students must be cleared before the parent drives away. Parents will need to be prepared for the possibility that the child will not be allowed inside with a fever.

Temperature

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child’s temperature at home. When a child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, parents will be notified, and the child will need to be picked up immediately.

Class Placement - Teacher

At Registration, parents will receive a homeroom teacher for their child.

The administration reserves the right to assign students to a teacher based on class sizes, teacher availability, and in accordance with social distancing recommendations. Teacher requests that were made in the Spring will be considered but may not be the basis of decisions while trying to plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Also, a parent who initially chooses distance and later chooses traditional will be placed with their original teacher only if class sizes allow for this.

This plan is just a short overview of the many safety measures we are taking to ensure the safest start back to school. We know that you have many questions that may not have been covered in this reopening plan. The administration will be available at registration to answer questions that may help aid you with your decision. We ask for patience and understanding as we do our best. We love and miss our students and look forward to a time when we can all be together again.