



Desoto Central Elementary

DCES Family,

We have been very busy planning and preparing for the return of our DCES students. (Both in person and Distant Learning) Below you will find a brief outline of our procedures/adjustments to help decrease the spread of Covid-19 during the 2020-21 School year. (These are subject to change as new guidelines may be given)

- Doors Open at **8:05/Tardy Bell 8:40** (Students can **NOT** be on campus prior to 8:05)
(THIS IS A NEW START TIME)
- Social distancing and masks will be encouraged.
- Student will go straight to classrooms upon arrival.
- We will **not** have a Spirit Store/but we will offer an online store and a snack bag for purchase. (PTO will be sending home the details for those in August)
- No guests are allowed in the building at this time unless they have a scheduled appointment.
- Students will be provided with hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting all rooms in the building.
- Each classroom will have cleaning materials provided to disinfect surfaces.
- Students will wash hands frequently and reminders will be posted. (Proper Handwashing will be taught)
- Water Bottle "Filling Stations" are available, and we ask that **ALL** students bring a **water bottle** to school daily. (Please label them with your child's name)
- Classrooms will be organized in a way that limits close contact.
- For those students in Pods or Pairs the teachers will change classes and the students will stay in their homeroom.
- Students will not share supplies and will keep personal items with them.
- Most Activities will be held in the student's classroom.
- Students will travel to PE and Computer. (We will limit close contact and have procedures for sanitizing equipment)
- Students will enjoy recess, but will do so with one class at a time in a designated area.
- Cafeteria will be organized in a way that limits student's close contact and will be at 50% capacity or less. The other 50% of students will eat in their classrooms. (This will rotate weekly)
- Tables will be disinfected between classes.
- Cleaning staff will disinfect common surfaces throughout the school day.
- We have a full-time school nurse and a separate area for students who are sick and waiting to be picked up by parents.
- We will have a virtual Meet the Teacher event and a scheduled supply drop off. (We will send home information and details soon)
- **Some things have changed, however; KNOWING AND GROWING our students is still our MISSION and we are looking forward to an AMAZING YEAR! We Love and Miss our DCES families! –Mrs. Nye**