

Taylor County Elementary School 2020-2021 Re-opening Plan

School Start and End Times

7:55-7:25

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Welcome Back Taylor County Elementary School Students!

We have missed you and are eager to see you all in the coming days. While you prepare to return to school, either through TEC or Face-to-Face instruction, here are a few things you need to know;

-The school day is from 7:55-2:25

-Drop off supervision will begin at 7:30

-Mask are highly recommended, but not required. We highly encourage the use of mask during transition times.

-Students in grades K-5 who choose to wear mask must follow these guidelines: mask can be patterned or printed but cannot have words, symbols, lettering, or any way be out of compliance with TCSD approved dress code. Bandanas may not be worn as mask. TCES will have mask available to students if they need one.

Important Dates to Remember:

-August 18th- TEC Students meet the teacher and laptop distribution. TEC students will pick up their laptops at their prescheduled times from the TCES cafeteria (3rd and 4th grade) or from their teachers room (5th grade). Parents must be present for students to be issued a laptop.

-August 18th-20th- Face-to-Face Meet the teacher. Teachers have been calling to schedule meet the teacher by appointments. If you have not heard from your homeroom teacher you should call the school at 838-2530.

-August 24th- First day of school for all students.

The following are some of the extra precautions we will be taking to ensure our students are safe while at school:

Transitioning/High Traffic Areas

High traffic areas for TCES occur during morning and afternoon dismissals and during lunch. At all other times students are and will continue to transition by homeroom one class at a time. During mornings students will be spaced accordingly in the cafeteria and throughout the hallways to keep large groups of students from congregating in classrooms prior to morning dismissal to class. Sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the school, specifically at points of entrance and high traffic areas such as the lunch room. Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands upon entry to the school and periodically throughout the day.

Lunches

Based on face-to-face numbers we will have four scheduled lunches, with adequate time between each lunch for sanitization and cleaning. Lunch times will be staggered so that each class in a grade level transitions to the cafeteria at different times. All students will enter one door and exit out of the other. Students will be separated by at least one chair and classes will have assigned tables. Additional tables have been placed in the cafeteria to allow for more social distancing.

Cleaning Plans

All teachers will be given protective gear, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant, paper towels, and sanitizing material. Throughout the day teachers will use the district provided sanitization spray to disinfect surfaces. Classrooms will be cleaned/disinfected thoroughly at the end of each day and during the day by custodial staff. All unnecessary furniture will be removed and desks will be spread apart as room permits.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TCES Administration

TCES COVID 19 Daily Procedures (8/17/20)

1. Drop off Students will enter through the cafeteria doors starting at 7:30. Students who eat breakfast will stay in the cafeteria until dismissal. Students who do not want breakfast will be spaced in the hallway outside of their classrooms until 7:45. They will be dismissed from there to their home base teachers. All bus riders who would like breakfast will report to the cafeteria and will be spread out. Bus riders who do not want breakfast will report to the hallway outside of their home base teacher's classroom. To avoid overcrowding hallways, we will stagger dismissal to class in the mornings, at lunch times, and at the end of the day

2. Teachers and staff will be required to pass a daily health screening to check for temperature and overall good health prior to entering the building.

a. Faculty and staff with temperatures greater than 100.4 (or the most current temperature according to the DOH) will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will not be allowed to return until at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

b. Anyone who feels sick should stay at home until symptom free for one (1) day. Depending on the symptoms, they may need to be evaluated, and possibly tested before returning to school.

3. Cloth masks will be available to students, faculty, and staff if they need them. Teachers and staff are encouraged and highly recommended to wear masks during high transition periods; however, it is not mandatory on campus. Staff will be encouraged to wear masks during transition times, in high volume areas, and in the classroom if they are working closely with students.

4. In the event a TCES student and/or staff member tests positive, depending on the symptoms exhibited, the class may enter a mandatory self-quarantine period as prescribed by the Health Department and students will be required to participate in distance learning for that time period.

5. Students/faculty testing positive must notify the school nurse. The following strategies will be followed:

-Health Department quarantine has ended. Must provide documentation from Health Department.

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started.

-Fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

6. Students should wash and/or disinfect their hands often. Disinfectant stations are located at designated locations on campus.

7. Students are encouraged to sanitize their work areas several times during the day. Our teachers plan to have students wipe their own table and will wipe door handles between classes.

8. The district has ordered sanitization foggers. When they arrive hallways, media center, and the cafeteria will all be sprayed with a fogger on a rotation schedule. Classrooms will be fogged once a day at minimum after students have left.

9. Students are encouraged to practice social distancing as much as possible and/or to wear masks in high volume traffic areas and in the classroom as needed to follow DOH guidelines. Students should not share personal items, school supplies, food, or drinks.

10. These procedures are subject to change as CDC and DOH guidelines are updated.