

Dear Prague Families,

On behalf of the administration, teachers and staff, we wish to welcome you back to another school year.

You have likely heard the discussion about how schools should reopen for the upcoming year. We are working toward a safe and equitable return to school for all students and staff.

We understand all of the various concerns including economic, social and emotional implications, childcare issues, and certainly educational implications of the decisions being made as we strive to meet our school goals. We are working within state and federal guidelines which continue to change. Our plans for re-opening are posted on this school website. Because this situation is fluid, it is possible that changes to the plan may occur. Please continue to visit the website for updates.

Below are some updates and reminders.

Face Coverings

Under the current guidance from the State Department of Education, face masks are not required but are highly recommended. The recommendations from the State Department are masks for grades 4th and up, staff, and visitors and for K4-3rd in common areas only.

Transportation

One of the biggest challenges ahead will be providing adequate social distancing on school buses. We will continue to run our normal bus routes at normal times. We will do the best we can to keep students safe on the bus; however, social distancing may not always be possible. If you do not want your child in such close proximity to other individuals, please try to find an alternative way to school. The following are steps we will take for our bus transportation.

- ✓We will sanitize the bus every day after each route.
- ✓We will provide hand sanitizer.
- ✓Masks must be worn by all students and staff.
- ✓Windows will remain open when possible.
- ✓Masks for students will not be required but are highly recommended.
- ✓If possible, please check your child's temperature before putting him or her on the bus and keep the child at home if the temperature is higher than 100.
- ✓Family members will sit together in seats regardless of the age of the student.

Start Dates

As of now, our start date for the first day of school is August 12. Students should report to their assigned school by 8:15 each morning. This will also be the first day for those choosing the virtual option.

Temperature Checks

Each student's temperature will be taken before he or she enters the school building. If the temperature is over 100, the student will be sent home.

Other Safety Measures

- ✓ Classrooms will be spaced out.
- ✓ Common areas will be spaced out by adding more tables.
- ✓ During weather days students will be separated into different areas.
- ✓ Classrooms will be cleaned after each class.
- ✓ Staggered bell schedules or rotation of classes will be used to reduce hallway congestion.

Virtual Learning

For various reasons, some families may have circumstances that prevent their child from returning to in-person instruction until COVID-19 is under control. If you feel that this is the case for your family, please talk to your building principal about a virtual option.

Communication

All school updates will be posted on our school website. We will use our all call system to send out important information as well. Emails can be sent at anytime to our staff members; their addresses are listed on the school website. If at any time you have concerns, you can also call the school at 405-567-2281.

As we prepare to welcome our students back, our teachers and building administrators are mindful of the critically important work that we do each and every day in support of your children. One of the great things about education is the opportunity for us to begin renewed each and every year, ready to make a positive impact on the lives of our young people. This year will not be without challenges. We will do our best to ensure that students at Prague have a quality education no matter what obstacles we encounter. We look forward to the start of another exciting school. GO BIG RED!

Sincerely,

Dr. Vallery Feltman, Superintendent