

South Dale Middle School Reopening School Parent Guide

Facial Coverings

- Under the current health order issued by Governor Ivey, each person shall wear a facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth to the greatest extent practicable when they are within 6 feet of someone not in their household.
- Students will need to be in compliance.
- Students will need to supply their own appropriate facial covering, if possible.

Arrival Procedures

- Student are to arrive no earlier than 7:25.
- Students will not be allowed in the building until 7:25
- Students will go directly to their first block class upon arriving at school.

Transportation

- Buses will arrive at the school at approximately 7:25 and unload immediately.
- Morning pick times will be communicated by the bus drivers and/or the Transportation Department. Call the Transportation Department at 334-774-2360 for more information.
- Car riders will drop off no earlier than 7:25.
- After school, (bus riders) departures will operate in the same manner as in previous years.

SDMS Car Line Procedures

1. The SDMS car line will line up on Randolph Street at the red cone, as we have in the past. (Enter Randolph Street for the car line via Forest Drive)
2. Please place your child's name card in the passenger side window each day. A name card will be given out on the first day of school, this card can be used daily during pick up. If your child is a car rider on the first day of school, please make a form with your child's name on it to help us with dismissal, until you receive the name card.
3. SDMS will have one line during pick up. Each car will line up at a cone in the outside lane.
4. We will load 8 cars at a time. Please make sure if you are the first in line to pull up to the first cone. Once all 8 cars are loaded, we will dismiss the cars.
5. When exiting the car line please turn right onto Randolph Street. (Exiting via Forest Drive)

Starting the day

- Upon arrival, all students enter the building through the lobby and will go directly to their first period class.
- Upon entry, each student will use hand sanitizer located in the lobby.
- Students will eat breakfast in the classroom.

Classroom and Transition Procedures

- Students will use hand sanitizer when entering each classroom (dispensers will be in the room).
- Students will move in static groups throughout the day.
- During PE 5th and 6th grade students will not dress out. 7th and 8th students will stagger dressing out in order so as to minimize large groups in the same location.

Sanitation will occur throughout the day in classrooms and halls.

Parents/Visitors on Campus

- Unfortunately, we will need to limit access by parents/guardian and visitors.
- We ask during the school day that parents/guardian only come on campus when you are picking up your child.
- Parents/guardian / Visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch with students.
- When on campus parents/visitors should sign in and must provide their phone number.
- Parent Conferences will be virtual or by phone/conference call.

Child Nutrition

- Breakfast will be served in the classroom.
- Lunch will be served in the lunchroom and students will take their grab and go meal back to the classroom to eat or when weather permits, lunch may be outside.
- Microwaves will not be available for student use at this time.
- Break will be offered; times will be staggered and multiple locations outside will be utilized.
- Students have been provided with a clear South Dale Water Bottle to use at school. No personal cups or glasses will be allowed.
- The Free and Reduced Lunch form is available on the South Dale Middle School website or you may access the link: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>
- If you complete the form online you WILL NOT have to complete the paper form.

Remind

- Information for how to sign up for the school remind will be sent home on the first day of school. Text 81010 Message @6388ka to join the SDMS Parent Remind.

Athletics

- Contest will take place as scheduled.
- AHSAA guidelines will be followed at all sporting events.
- Coaches will address specific questions with their players and parents.

All visitors and guest to a Dale County School campus are asked to do their part in stopping the spread of COVID-19. This includes best practices at athletic and extracurricular events. Please wear facial coverings that cover the mouth and nostrils at all times. Please sit with household members and keep a 6-foot distance from non-household members. Please wash and sanitize your hands often. When visiting the restrooms or concession area please respect everyone's space and keep a 6-foot distance from all persons not living in your household. Please be considerate of others and respect their space. All visitors and guest are encouraged to take personal responsibility and abide by established guidelines to stop the spread of disease.

Contract Tracing

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will handle all aspects of contact tracing.

This will not be the function of the school or school district

Remote Learning

Contact our guidance counselor, Mrs. Nelson if you have questions. You may email Mrs. Nelson at vnelson@dalecountboe.org or call 334-983-3077

Further information pertaining to Dale County Reopening may be found in the Dale County Schools Road Map located on the district's webpage <http://www.dalecountyboe.org>

*Parents, we encourage you to monitor your child's symptoms of illness and keep children home if they show any symptoms or do not feel well.

**As health guidelines are adjusted/ changed, we will also adjust in accordance with guidance from the State Department of Education and the Department of Public Health under the direction of our Superintendent.

*** We ask that you remain patient with us as we enter into the new school year and adapt to the many changes that come in the future.