

Lamar Parent Information
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Please see our new website for additional information (<https://lamar.saisd.org/>). Follow us on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LamarElementary> If you have further questions, please message us on facebook, send us an email, or call the front office.

Drop Off

School opens at 7:20am. All grade levels will enter the school at a different entry point and will be asked to sanitize their hands (K/1 West Side, 2/3 Front, 4/5 East Side Car rider lane). See map on our website:

<https://lamar.saisd.org/new-families/dropoff-pickup>. A Lamar Staff member will be at each entry point. Students will go directly to their classroom where teachers will be ready to greet the student and will provide breakfast in the classroom. At this time, parents are not allowed to walk their child into the building. Please use the car rider line to avoid congregating at doors. *If you have children in multiple grade levels at Lamar, drop off all students at the younger child's location.*

Pick Up

SSA will dismiss at 2:45pm to the West Side parking lot, front row (closest to building). Students will be walked to their bus if they ride the bus. If you are picking up your child, please stay in your car and a staff member will bring your child to you. Please see the map on our school website: <https://lamar.saisd.org/new-families/dropoff-pickup>

Pick up is in the same location as drop off (K/1 West Side, 2/3 Front, 4/5 East Side Car rider lane). Your teacher will distribute car rider tags during the meet the teacher drive thru. Please keep these in your car so we can quickly match students to the correct car.

First Day of School – Drop Off

At meet the teacher drive thru, teachers will be handing you a zip tie and tag to attach to your child's backpack the first day so we can be sure to dismiss your child to the correct location. Please attach this before dropping them off at school Wednesday. This will help our staff make sure your child gets to the correct classroom. Sometimes our youngest students have anxiety on the first day of school. We will do our best to present a fun environment to your child outside to help them be able to say goodbye to you and go to their classroom.

Lunch

At this point, parents and other visitors are not allowed on campus. This means that we will not have the option for parents and families to eat lunch with their children. Also, in order to limit visitors on campus, lunch cannot be dropped off for your student to the office. If your child forgets his/her lunch at home, they will have to eat lunch in the cafeteria. There will be no dropping off of food or cupcakes to the office during this time. Also, please let your children know that sharing of food at lunch is not allowed at this time. We will not be selling ice cream at this time.

Birthdays

You may send individual store packaged cupcakes (like the Little Debbie Snacks) to school with your child in the morning if you are wanting to celebrate your child's birthday. Please let your child's teacher know prior to doing this.

Masks

Masks are highly encouraged for all of our students. Masks are required to be worn by all staff members and all students 10 years of age or older including all 4th and 5th graders. Though we cannot mandate that students in Kinder – 3rd grade wear masks, we highly recommend that all of our students wear masks for their safety and the safety of all Lamar Lions. Under some circumstances, students may remove their mask, such as eating. We will follow the Texas Education Agency guidelines for this and permission will only be given by campus staff. Students that are

required to wear masks, should come to school with a mask. If a student does not come to school with a mask, they will be provided with one.

Symptoms

You are required to screen your child DAILY before they come to school. If your child has symptoms, your child should not come to school and you should contact the school nurse, Jayme Vaughn. Please see the screening and symptom list: [Student Screening and Reentry Checklist](#)

Visitors

At this time, parents, guardians, family members, and visitors are not allowed on campus without an appointment (for special educational reasons) so we can ensure adequate social distancing for you, other families, and our staff. If you need assistance, please call the school office. Please wear a mask to your appointment. If you come to campus without an appointment, you should be wearing a mask and you may be asked to wait outside or in your car in order for us to ensure adequate social distancing.

Early Pickups

There may be times that you need to pick up your child early from campus. Please call the school office prior to picking up your child. If you are unable to call the school, please enter the main front door with a mask on, and we will help you. You may be asked to wait outside while we get your student. These precautions are necessary for the health safety of students and staff. We will not release early pick ups after 2:30 to ensure a smooth dismissal. You will need to enter the car rider line after 2:30.

Technology

Students will be using technology on a daily basis in the classroom. Students will share devices, however all devices will be sanitized after a student uses a device and prior to another student using the device. All students are expected to bring a pair of headphones or earbuds for their individual use at school. If students do not bring their own headphones or earbuds, a pair will be provided for them to use at school. Students will not share headphones or earbuds. It is the expectation of the district and our school that all students read and sign the Responsible User Guide. This agreement can be found online at: <https://www.saisd.org/departments/technology/rug>. If you would like the Responsible User Guide emailed to your or printed and sent home with your child, please call the office.

BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

If you would prefer your child not to share a device, your child can bring his/her own device from home to use in the classroom. Acceptable devices would be a laptop, Chromebook, iPad, or tablet. Students will not be using Smart Phones at school. Students bringing a device from home must follow the district guidelines for BYOD. If your child is going to bring their own device to school please see the Responsible User Guide and BYOD policy on the district website.

Social Distancing

Social distancing will be prompted on our campus. Students will be seated spaced apart at desks or tables in their classroom. They will be seated as far apart as possible. They will not share desks or supplies with other students. Students will stay with their homeroom class. At this time, they will not mix students among grade levels at PE, Music, Library, STEAM lab, Lunch, or Recess. Students in the same grade level will have Lunch and Recess at the same time but will be separated in our large cafeteria and playground area (2 playgrounds, walking area, open field, etc.). Students will be taught and encouraged to wash their hands, wear their mask (4th and 5th grades), and stay 6 feet apart.

Medication

If your child requires medication at school, please contact the school nurse Jayme Vaughn (jayme.vaughn@saisd.org) to make an appointment to drop off your child's medication.

Water

Water fountains will be OFF at Lamar. Please send at least one water bottle to school each day with your child.

More Information

More information from the district about our reopening plan including sanitizing, what happens if a student gets sick at school, what happens if someone tests positive for COVID, and information about students riding buses can be found on SAISD website at:

<https://www.saisd.org/news-item/~board/news/post/saisd-releases-comprehensive-back-to-school-plan>