

Rockdale ISD

Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan

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As Rockdale ISD continues to remain 100% open, protocols and information for parents have been updated. These protocols, addressing CDC recommendations, will be revisited every 6 months to address any changes.

Our goal is to ensure a continuity of services for all our students in the areas of academics, social emotional, health and food services.

- Campuses will provide tutoring schedules of all teachers during the first week of school.
- Before and after school programming as well as summer school are offered.
- Each campus has a counseling program to address social emotional needs.
- Each campus provides a nurse to address health issues.
- All students in RISD will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

Procedures for campuses

As the information from the CDC continues to change, these procedures will change as well. Campuses will update any changes throughout the year. To begin school the following will be in place:

- Lunches - Fast Food Fridays (only day for dropping off food) **will be considered after the first six weeks**
- Lunch with students - Adults will not be able to have lunch with students during the 1st six weeks. Beginning the second six weeks of school, procedures will be shared for parents joining their child for lunch **if possible**.
- Meet the teacher, assemblies, open house, parent conferences, etc. will be held in person - **one adult per student**. Virtual parent conferences will still be allowed. Facebook live will also be utilized.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms.
- Students leaving during the day for appointments will need a doctor's note to return. High school students leaving to test for a driver's license will need to bring back documentation.

CDC Safety Recommendations

Universal and correct wearing of masks

- According to a proclamation by the Governor of Texas, masks are optional and no longer required.

Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing

- As allowable, students will be 3 feet apart in the classrooms.
- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- When possible, technology can be utilized when the use of manipulatives is needed. Teachers will consider assigning cohorts of students specific manipulatives in order to reduce the possibility of exposure or consider creating individual bags of supplementary aids and/or manipulatives for student use that could also be sent home in the event of school closure.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be considered when possible. Classroom groups working outside will maintain at least 12 feet of social distance from other classroom groups.
- Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize exposure. Additionally, supplemental services will be grouped by grade level when possible.

- Walking pathways throughout the building will be designated “stay to the right.” This includes the entrance and exit doors.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Thorough hand washing will continue upon return from outdoors, before eating, and following restroom breaks.
- Proper handwashing technique will be taught to all students and consistently reinforced.
- Supplies provided by students will not be shared.
- Music and PE equipment will be sanitized and wiped down after each use.
- The scheduling of whole class restroom breaks is recommended to eliminate co-mingling of students across various classes and to ensure teacher monitoring of social distancing guidelines.
- A system will be implemented to identify the number of occupants utilizing each restroom to mitigate the chance of exceeding maximum occupants per social distancing.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- Cleaning cloths will be changed daily for each classroom and common area to maximize room to room cleanliness.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned between lunches

Contact Tracing

- **Parents will receive notification from the campus principal if their child has been exposed.**

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

- As available RISD will continue to test students and staff for COVID as requested. The district will also continue working with Milam County to advertise testing sites.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities

- Rockdale ISD will continue to partner with Milam County to provide vaccinations to staff and students.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities (health and safety)

- The recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education services locations when possible and appropriate. Individual student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Coordination with State and local health officials

- Rockdale ISD will continue to follow recommendations from the Milam County Health Department, the Texas Education Agency and the State of Texas.