

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 each semester.
- Before and after school programming as well as summer school is offered.
- Each campus has a counseling program to address social emotional needs.
- Each campus provides a nurse to address health issues.

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 the school year, the following will be in place:

- Lunches - Fast Food Fridays (only day for dropping off food) will be allowed when the campus is on green.
- Lunch with students - Adult family members may eat with their child on Fridays during their regular scheduled lunch period.
- Meet the teacher, assemblies, open house, parent conferences, etc. will be held in person. Virtual parent conferences will still be allowed.
- Facebook live will be utilized during selected events.
- 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 for physical distancing may be implemented when campuses reach Level Orange.

- As allowable, students will be 3 feet apart in the classrooms.
- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- 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.

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.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned between lunches

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.