Challenge Charter School

2022-2023 School Year Plan

Thank you for helping to establish this plan with your feedback and participation in parent & staff surveys.

Putting our kids first is always the #1 priority at Challenge Charter School and the following plan has been established based on parent and student input and collaboration with our faculty, staff, leadership, and stakeholders.

Thank you for your understanding that additional changes and flexibility may be needed throughout the school year and this plan is always secondary to compliance with updated local, state, and national orders, laws, and regulations.

Challenge Charter School 2022-2023 School Year Plan as of September 29, 2022:

1. Challenge is providing ***full time on-campus classroom learning*** for all students according to the established school day and school calendar: Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

   For on campus learning:
   i. Students with a temperature or signs of illness cannot be sent to campus.
   ii. Families must be able to provide several emergency contacts to ensure their child can be picked up immediately if presenting signs of illness.
   iii. Students will participate in group and shared activities that resemble "normal" classroom learning.
   iv. The CCS Mitigation Plan remains in effect with the most recent edit July 2021
2. CCS is NOT offering full time Distance Learning during the 2022-2023 school year
3. To avoid truancy, a student may be offered 10-14 days of distance learning in Google Classroom when isolation is necessary to avoid the potential spread of illness. Watch for updates on the Attendance Policy.
4. Students may be asked to temporarily transfer to distance learning for periods of time if needed due to state or health guidance or an increased pandemic threat.

Additional Considerations, Safety Measures, and Requirements for 2022-2023 school year:

- CCS will ensure early assessment for all our learners to determine remedial and individualized student needs.
- Please refer to the school's current mask and mitigation policy at www.challengecharterschool.net.
- Our unique double air filtration system includes :
  - Filterless Hammacher Schlemmer *Virus and Allergen Eliminating Filterless Air Purifiers* in classrooms, cafeteria, and all other shared indoor spaces. This unique technology uses negatively charged ions and has been laboratory tested to eliminate up to 97% of airborne viruses and allergens as small as 10 nanometers.
  - Continued use in each classroom of an *Austin Air Healthmate Plus Air Purifier* proven to assist with allergies, asthma, and other respiratory issues to include medical grade HEPA, Activated Carbon and antimicrobial filter components.
  - The campus roofs were all replaced summer 2021 to assist with classroom air quality and respiratory health.
- CCS will welcome parent volunteers but will remain a closed campus to non-essential visitors at all times except for evening family events as specified.
- Students' temperatures will be taken prior to entering campus and throughout the day as needed
- Playgrounds will be open for morning play before school starts and recess as normal.
- Shared classroom supplies allowed with frequent sanitization. Group classroom activities and group work allowable.
- Class sizes will remain low to enable more distancing in each classroom and keep cohorts small.
- Nightly full campus cleaning and disinfectant by outside professional company
- Frequent instruction in proper mask wearing, hand washing, and sneeze/cough control

- Frequent mandatory student hand washing
- No sharing of food or individual supplies.
- UV-C light sanitization (260-280nm wavelength) to sanitize computers and other shared devices and supplies often.
- Frequent sanitization of shared and high traffic/touch areas
- In classroom celebrations and limited/restructured large group gatherings
- Strictly enforced school medical and safety policies and guidelines
- Students with a temperature or showing signs of illness will be separated from class immediately and must be picked up with no delay
- Classrooms, campus spaces, and activities structured for best possible distancing options
- Virtual and phone parent conferences and meetings available per parent preference.
- School meals will be served in individual containers
- CCS Before & After school childcare will be available.
- School bus route transportation will be available.