

Welcome to
T.A. Dugger
Orientation
2020-2021!



TAD Keys to Success

- Treat your fellow student the same way you want to be treated!
- Students get involved in a TAD extracurricular activity.
- Parents be involved in your child's journey through TAD.
- If someone is giving you a hard time let a teacher, principal, counselor, or staff member know! Help us to stop problems before it becomes bullying!
- Parents be involved with your child's cell phone activity and social media!
- Most social media issues start or escalate off school campus and further develop at school.



Items to take care of before the first day of school:

- Pay tuition. Tuition can be paid online at www.ecschools.net or with a check or money order at the school.
- Bus routes are posted on our website. Students must wear a mask on the school bus.
- 6th grade students must provide two proofs of residency before the start of school. You may turn these into the office or email at tracy.hayes@ecschoools.net.
- Complete student registration through Skyward Family Access.
- Pay money into your child's lunch account at myschoolbucks.com.
- Review your child's schedule in Skyward Family Access.



Check Your Schedule!!!

- Students should have 6 classes.
- Every student should have a Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies class.
- Email Abigail.thacker@ecschoools.net if you do not have a full schedule or have been placed in the wrong grade level class.
- Due to the attempt to create the smallest class sizes possible other schedule changes will NOT be available.



Technology

- Students are encouraged to bring their computers and/or tablet for school use.
- Student ChromeBooks will be available for families who requested.
- Students will need to sign a tech checkout agreement and acceptable network and internet use procedures.
- Watch this [video](#) for directions to log into Google Classroom.



Arriving at School

- Parents take your child's temperature before they leave home.
- Students must wear a mask on the school bus.
- Car riders and walkers may enter the building between 7:20am and 7:45am.
- All student's temperatures will be taken before entering the school. If a student has a fever of 100.4 or above will be placed in the quarantine area and parents will be contacted.







Drop off Areas

Crosswalks- 

End of School Zones 

No
Drop
Off

No
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 Search for a place or address 

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TAD Traffic and School Safety

- School Zone Speed Limit- 15mph/No use of cell phones
- Students must use the designated crosswalks
- Band students & 8th graders will enter at the auditorium.
- 6th & 7th grade students will enter at the front entrance.
- Be patient!!!
- Students may get a “grab and go” breakfast and promptly report to their 1st period.



Dismissing from School

- First load bus riders will be released at 2:42 pm.
- Car riders and walkers will be released at 2:45 pm.
- Second load bus riders will be released at 2:47 pm.
- Car riders will have a designated pick-up spot in the front of the school. Students are asked to maintain social distancing.
- Students need to leave campus immediately after school.
- Students going to an afterschool function are asked to report immediately.





Pick-up Zones

Band

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Safety Protocols for T.A. Dugger

- Students and staff are expected to wear a mask unless there is a medical reason.
- Students will NOT be issued lockers. Students will be allowed to carry their backpacks throughout the day.
- Students will not use the restroom between classes. They will be excused from their classroom for bathroom breaks as needed.
- Directional tape is placed on hallway floors. Stairways are one-way and marked by signs. Students are asked to maintain social distancing through out the hallways and encouraged to wear masks in these common areas.



Classroom Protocols for TAD

- Desks will be facing the same direction.
- Windows will be open whenever the weather allows.
- Students will use hand sanitizer before, during, and after class.
- Every effort has been made to have small class sizes and students will be socially distanced throughout the classrooms as able.
- Class supplies will be shared on a limited basis (must be sanitized).
- Our Clorox 360 machine will be used heavily daily.
- Desks and tables will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.



Lunch Protocols for TAD

- We will have three lunch times in three different locations.
- Students can purchase a bag lunch of their choice and will be assigned to eat either in the lunchroom, stage, or media center.
- Seating will be arranged to provide social distance while students are eating.



TAD Handbook/Important Rules

- Students will receive a TAD student handbook/planner. Parents please read over the handbook with your students and get to know our rules.
- Only clear bottles with a resealable lid are allowed.
- Visitors will only be allowed in the building under extenuating circumstances or by appointment only. All visitors must wear a mask while in the building.



TAD Handbook/Important Rules

Everyone will take Semester Exams this year!

- 5 or less days missed= exams will count 5%
- 6-9 days missed=exams will count 15%
- 10 or more days missed=exams will count 25%
- We will review extenuating circumstances case by case

Excused Absences-Students get five excused absences for the entire school year

Unexcused Absences-We will be using the State's Three-Tiered system located in our handbook and online.

Cell Phones—use is not allowed during the school day (off and in the student's backpack). Smart Watches may be worn but, will be treated as a cell phone is used as a communication device.



TAD Dress Code/Handbook

- All shorts and skirts need to reach to a student's fingertip length. Clothing with holes higher than four inches above the knee where skin is shown is not allowed.
- Hair styles or colors that are deemed distracting to the learning environment by the administrative team will not be allowed.



TAD Summer School

- Students with 3 or more F's (class failures) may be required to attend summer school.
- Core Subjects (Math, L.A., Science , and S.S.) will count as one class and the grade will be the final average.
- Exploratory classes will count as ½ a class and will be the overall grade for the class
- Students with 15 or more unexcused absences may be required to attend summer school.



Short-term student dismissals

- Students who are out of school due to medical conditions or quarantined will stay connected to school via Google Classroom.
- Re-entry to school will require approval of administration.
- Administration will consult with the health department and/or medical doctor.



School/District Closures

- In the event of TAD or ECS closing or operating on an alternate schedule due to COVID-19, students are expected to connect to school via Google Classroom and adhere to the policies for the digital learning track.
- Students will be responsible for attendance and class work daily.
- On the first day of school, students will learn how to access their Google Classrooms and be given more information of expectations in the event of school schedule changes.
- For students who do not have access to technology from home, TAD will distribute ChromeBooks and/or hotspots as available.



Distance Learning Track

- Please click [here](#) watch this required orientation video.
- Please refer to ECS Distance Learning Track Student Handbook located on the school's website.
- Student schedules can be found on Skyward Family Access.
- Technology distribution will be on the student's first day of school. Please review the required Checkout Agreement at www.ecschools.net.



Distance Learning Track

- Online learning will have the same expectations of our traditional classes.
- Grades will be earned for the online courses as they are earned and calculated with in-person classes.
- Attendance will be taken daily.
- Students should spend no more than average of 7 hours per day on learning activities. Students are expected to complete class assignments daily.



Distance Learning Track

- Students can contact their teacher through Google Classroom, Bloomz and email.
- Students can participate in sports and extracurricular activities while complying with school safety protocols.
- Band students are invited to participate in class on campus. Contact Mr. Lockhart for more information.



TAD Parent-Teacher Advisory Council

- We encourage you to get involved in PTAC!!!
- For more information contact our PTAC president
 - Starr Nave
 - 423-895-0740



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Revolutionize the way you
communicate with the parents
in your class!

Parent engagement
and communication
INCREASES.

Teacher work *decreases!*



By Jessica Meacham



TAD BLOOMZ APP/Skyward

- TAD will be using BLOOMZ to communicate with parents and students
- Download the BLOOMZ app.
- Students will receive a BLOOMZ classroom code. For a full list of classroom codes, [click here](#).
- After school starts, if you have difficulty connecting to BLOOMZ please contact your child's teacher.





- Students can anonymously report to T.A. Dugger administration through our mobile app.
- Our school code is **Elizabethton**.
- Students can report:
 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - Violence/Threats
 - Hazing
 - Weapons Possession
 - Drugs/Alcohol Abuse
 - Intolerance/Discrimination
 - Harassment

TAD Cafeteria

- TAD Breakfast—\$1.35
- TAD Lunch—\$2.60
- Free and reduced lunch forms need to be filled out if applicable
- Breakfast and Lunch pick-up is available for distance learning students or any student not scheduled to be in the school.
 - 9:45 to 10:30 at T. A. Dugger





**ELIZABETHTON
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- On Elizabethton City Schools/TAD's website you can view school and athletic calendars, current news and teacher contact information. Please let us know if there are ways the site can be improved by contacting the school webmaster (Sarah Morris) or Nicole Moore at Central Office.
- We have a free mobile app called "Elizabethton City Schools" where you can have easy access to events, news, Skyward, Staff, and Notifications.
- Anyone with news to share (school or club news, student or teacher achievements, school announcements) should contact Nicole who can coordinate media coverage.

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Public Relations Coordinator



T. A. Dugger Jr. High



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Congratulations on an undefeated season!



Discover Elizabethton



T. A. Dugger at a glance

8th Grade Washington D. C. Trip

- We hope to continue this tradition. More information to come as the school year develops.



TAD Schedule

- August 10th-14th Staggered School Start
- August 17th Begin Hybrid Schedule
 - Last name A-L on-campus Monday & Tuesday and digital Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 - Last name M-Z digital Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and on-campus Thursday & Friday
- **Please continue to check our website and social media platforms for the most up-to-date information!**



Important Links

Please continue to check our website, www.ecschools.net, and social media platforms for the most up-to-date information!

- Click: [How to find your Google username and password.](#)
- Click: [For a Google Classroom tutorial.](#)
- Find your child's BLOOMZ codes on our website under Academics > Important Forms.

