



**Midlothian Independent School District**  
**ESSER III Planning Document**  
**Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**  
**2022-2023**  
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## Public Health Considerations

During the 2022-2023 school year, Midlothian ISD will continue to monitor COVID cases within the state and within Ellis County. With guidance from Dr. Leigh Nordstrom, Ellis County Health Authority, the District will make decisions that consider the health and safety of all students, staff, and campus visitors.

MISD continues to consult with other Ellis County Physicians when making plans and decisions on an as needed basis. These physicians regularly include: Dr. Coleman, Dr. Felty and Dr. Moreland. These doctors were instrumental in helping with the 2020-2021 Re-Entry Plan and continue to offer guidance when requested.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, the MISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting to discuss several agenda items. During this meeting, the Board took action to lift the mask mandate for all staff and students to a mask recommended protocol effective Monday, May 17, 2021 for all school buildings and school buses. This change is to provide parents and staff a choice to wear masks for the remainder of this school year and into the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally, the Board included the removal of all plexiglass used for COVID mitigation.

Masks are encouraged, but NOT required for the 2022-2023 school year. Masks are available in the office at each school for students who need one. Custodial staff will continue normal cleaning procedures and plexiglass will not be utilized unless requested. Parents have the option of requesting plexiglass for their child. Requests must be shared with the campus administrator(s).

Contact tracing is no longer required and quarantining due to exposure is optional. As of August 16, 2022, the following update for Midlothian ISD COVID reporting procedures will take effect:

- MISD will continue with all reporting requirements as set forth by DSHS and TEA.
- MISD will no longer send general positive case email notifications to grade levels, campuses, or staff.
- MISD will continue notifying the parent/guardian of a positive or symptomatic individual student concerning the required five-day quarantine requirement and the earliest return date.

Parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and all other illnesses and keep students home and seek medical attention. As a reminder, the symptoms of COVID-19 include the following:

- Fever (greater than or equal to 100°), chills, body aches
- Coughing, shortness of breath
- Headache, sore throat, nausea

- Vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestions, or runny nose

Hand sanitizing stations will remain in all District buildings and be refilled as needed. Signs will be posted throughout the buildings with reminders to practice good hand hygiene.

Vaccination clinics are not recommended to be held at a MISD Campus at this time due to the wide availability of Covid Vaccine sites in Ellis County. Walgreens, CVS, Walmart and local Dr. Offices offer the vaccine shot to all community members. Free Covid home test kits are available through the United States Postal Service. To place an order, please click [here](#).

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) released an [update](#) stating, “A school administrator shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having COVID-19. Exclusion shall continue until the readmission criteria for conditions are met.” Students and staff, who are positive for COVID-19, must meet the following readmission criteria before returning to school:

In collaboration with the Ellis County Medical Community and under the requirements of the [Texas Education Agency](#), the following COVID mitigation efforts will be implemented starting July 31, 2022.

Any students who have disabilities will receive the needed accommodations to ensure their safety while they are on campus or attending any campus-related events.

COVID-19 Readmission Criteria	
Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Test	Symptomatic without a Positive COVID-19 Diagnosis or Awaiting Results
<p><b>STUDENTS &amp; STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication</li> <li>• 5 days since onset of symptoms or test date if no symptoms present</li> <li>• An improvement in symptoms</li> </ul> <p>Once all of the return criteria are met, students and staff may return to campus.</p>	<p><b>STUDENTS &amp; STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative COVID-19 test OR</li> <li>• Alternative diagnosis from a US Physician (example; cold, allergies, etc.) OR</li> <li>• The individual will remain out for the 5 day quarantine period.</li> </ul> <p>*The specific requirements for students and staff are regulated by the CDC, Department of State Health Services and the <a href="#">Texas Education Agency</a>.</p>

# Academic Calendar



## 2022-2023 Calendar

JULY 2022							AUGUST 2022							SEPTEMBER 2022							OCTOBER 2022						
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MARCH 2023							APRIL 2023							MAY 2023							JUNE 2023						
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<span style="background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> New Teacher Orientation (No school for students)	<span style="background-color: #4682B4; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> Teacher Exchange Day (No school for students)	<span style="background-color: #FF0000; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> Bad Weather Make-Up Day (No school if no need to make-up)
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<span style="background-color: #FF69B4; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> Early Release for Students	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">[ ]</span> Elementary Grading Periods	
<span style="background-color: #800080; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> Conference Day (No school for students)	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> First Day of Semester	
	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> Report Card	

  

DAYS OF INSTRUCTION		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester:</b>	Students: 83	Teachers: 91
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester:</b>	Students: 91	Teachers: 96

## On-Campus Instruction

Midlothian ISD has discontinued the long-term virtual learning option for the 2022-2023 school year. All instruction will be delivered on-campus, face-to-face. Canvas and Seesaw learning platforms will continue to be used to support teaching and learning in the new school year. For specific questions about on-campus instruction at specific campuses, please contact the school's principal.

When a student is out due to a documented medical reason from a US Physician, the student may access materials online (seesaw/canvas) in an effort to stay up-to-date on instruction. This does not constitute time in class for students. Students (or parents of our youngest students) are encouraged to communicate absences with their teacher(s). Students will have the opportunity to make up work once they return to school.

## Attendance

Students are required to attend class at least 90% of the days the class is offered to receive credit. *(Refer to the MISD Student Handbook for additional attendance information.)*

Students who do not meet the required in-person attendance requirement must go through the Attendance Committee. Please contact the campus principal if you have questions.

While long-term remote/virtual instruction is not an option for the 2022-2023 school year, students are encouraged to stay up-to-date through their online learning management systems (Canvas/Seesaw).

When a student is out due to a documented medical reason from a US Physician the student may access materials online in an effort to stay up-to-date on instruction. This does not constitute time in class for students. Students (or parents of our youngest students) are encouraged to communicate absences with their teacher(s). Students will have the opportunity to make up work once they return to school.

Students who are absent from in-person instruction may not attend any extracurricular or club activities through the MISD on the day of the absence. Coaches/directors/sponsors should check daily attendance before allowing a student to participate in a practice, performance, or competition.

## **Employee Wellness**

Employees are encouraged to monitor their health. If they are unwell, they must report the absence to their supervisor immediately and document the absence in Skyward/Aesop, as appropriate.

COVID positive tests will be considered excused absences. The employee may use state, local, and non-duty days (for 226+ employees only) for COVID absences. Employees who miss more than 3 consecutive days must provide a doctor's note or a positive COVID test.

Midlothian ISD offers health and wellness resources for employees in the following ways:

- MISD Express Case Clinic
- Creekbend Counseling Services
- Comprehensive Benefits Plan
- Employee DayCare Center

For additional information, MISD employees can contact [hr\\_dept@misd.gs](mailto:hr_dept@misd.gs)

## **MISD Employee Express Care Clinic**

Midlothian ISD will continue to offer a low cost, convenient walk-in clinic for MISD employees and their dependents. When staff members are ill, they are encouraged to seek medical attention and not return to work until they are fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.

## **Additional Resources**

Midlothian ISD's 2020-2021 COVID Re-Entry plan can be found [online](#). Each of the campus plans are also available online. For specific questions about procedures and protocols at specific campuses, please contact the school's Principal.

## **Social Emotional Support**

Midlothian ISD counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Counselors are prepared to provide support for families as well.

## **Face-to-Face Learning**

Midlothian ISD will welcome students to 100% in-person instruction for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **Food Services**

Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students for the 2022-2023 school year. Please visit the child nutrition [page](#) of our MISD website for meal pricing and menu options.

## **Water Fountains**

Midlothian ISD offers touchless water fountains throughout each campus to fill reusable bottles. Students are encouraged to bring refillable bottles to school for water each school day

## **HVAC Systems**

Midlothian ISD upgraded several campus HVAC systems with the purchase of the 2016 Bonds. All other HVAC units are working effectively and efficiently to provide clean air for staff and students.

## **Districtwide Air Purifier Equipment**

Midlothian ISD upgraded each campus with portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems in March 2022 to allow for improved air quality and circulation in high traffic areas such as cafeterias, nurse offices, front office, etc.

## **Hand Sanitizing Stations**

While not required during the 2022-2023 school year, Midlothian ISD is committed to continuing to provide hand sanitizing stations in high traffic areas throughout all District facilities. The District will continue to encourage good hand washing procedures for all students and staff.

## **Transportation**

Transportation will continue for all students who are eligible. Information on transportation services can be found at this [link](#). All buses are thoroughly cleaned each day.