

Westhoff ISD Return to School Plan

We will provide a plan for on-campus activities and instruction to parents and the general public based on the requirements and recommendations for COVID-19. This plan will be modified and amended daily if not hourly as the need arises and we see what is working, not working, or what we can do better.

Attendance

*Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092 students must attend 90% of all courses to be promoted to the next grade level via virtual instruction or on-campus instruction. Days under Dr. care or Dr. visits can be waived and not count towards the 90% attendance.

Maintaining Health and Safety

To reduce the risk of transmission Westhoff ISD plans the following mitigation strategies for each school year (per current CDC guidelines):

- Proper handwashing encouraged
- Hand sanitizer available
- Optional wearing of masks
- The use of assigned seating, cohorts, and podding when appropriate to maximize social distancing
- Targeted cleaning as appropriate (especially high contact areas)
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as identified in the student's Individualized Education Program

Before School and Bus Rider Protocol

*Teachers and staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school every day. All adult staff will have temperature checked in office and with walk through thermometer.

*Cuero bus riders will remain in parent's vehicle until temperature is checked and students told it is okay to load on bus. Parents are not to leave until all students are loaded on bus. Students will be required to wear a mask or face shield on the bus since they will be in close proximity to each other and there is no way to practice social distancing.

*Westhoff bus riders are to remain off bus until temperature is checked and they are told to load on the bus. Masks or face shields are required at all times on bus.

*Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school and to not ride the bus when at all possible, especially the first part of the school year.

*Parents and visitors will be screened and temperature checked before entering.

Ensuring Continuity of Services

Westhoff ISD will continue to take appropriate actions to ensure continuity of services to students. These actions will focus on addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Proposed plans to provide a continuity of services are as follows:

- To provide instructional materials/resources, activities and outreach to meet the needs of students.
- To provide social and emotional/counseling, wellness supports to students and professional development (training) to staff.
- To provide technology updates and improve infrastructure and connectivity.
- To provide tutorials to accelerate learning.
- To provide staff development to accelerate learning.

Random Protocols, Practices and Methods to Keep Students and Staff Safe at Westhoff ISD

- We will immediately separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms until the student can be picked up by parent or guardian.
- We will clean the areas used by the individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms as soon as feasible.
- Students feeling feverish will be given an immediate temperature check and checked to determine if there are symptomatic for COVID-19.
- We will have hand sanitizers at entrance to school building, in restrooms and classrooms.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- We will teach all students good handwashing techniques.

*Everyone will cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not possible, covered in their elbows.

*We are instituting more frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by janitorial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for children to clean their own spaces before and after use, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.

*We have contracted with Germ Blast to come in and disinfect our school five times during the year.

*Students will be grouped by grades and assigned to specific rest rooms.

*Meals will be served in classrooms when possible especially the younger grades.

* The older students will practice social distancing when in cafeteria.

*Students will be provided a water bottle use at school and will not be using the public water fountains at this time.

Masks

*For the purpose of this document, mask include non-medical grade disposable facemask, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved circulation.

*Students for when it is developmentally appropriate will wear mask or face shields when they will be in close proximity to other students.

*Young children who are unable to adjust or remove masks are not suitable candidates for wearing masks. It is not developmentally appropriate for students in kindergarten and Pre K to wear mask.

*Students are encouraged to wear mask/face shields at any and all times they are comfortable doing so if required or not.

*We will have commercial grade air purifiers for every classroom.

For students in first grade and above, the determination of whether a mask is developmentally appropriate will be left up to the students' teacher.