

# Dallas City Elementary

## RETURN-TO-SCHOOL PLAN SUMMARY



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The information that follows is a summary of our district's Return to School plan for the fall of 2020-2021. The entire plan may be viewed on our website or in the school office. The plan was developed with the safety of our staff and students as the top priority. This plan is subject to change.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, CDC, and IDPH guidelines schools that are selecting to provide in-person instruction must follow the following five guidelines:

1. Face masks must be worn
2. Gatherings of 50 or less
3. Social distancing
4. Health & temperature checks
5. Regular cleaning schedules

Face masks must be worn by staff, students, parents, and visitors at all times including at the bus stop, on the bus, and in the school building. Face masks will not be required when students are eating, drinking, or outside while practicing social distancing. Teachers will be providing students with "mask breaks" outside and holding classes outdoors as frequently as possible.

While we understand you may have reservations about your child wearing a mask at school, this is a requirement that is out of our control to change. We **MUST** follow the guidelines or face consequences including loss of state funding, loss of insurance coverage, and being held liable.

All staff, students, parents, and visitors are required to participate in a daily health screening including a temperature check before riding a bus or entering the school building. Parents will be provided with a system to report health information before sending a student or students to school each day by 7:30 a.m. Students of parents who have not completed the health screening will be screened by a staff member before entry to the school.

School staff will ensure students have an opportunity to wash their hands frequently throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be provided for everyone at the school. The use of hand sanitizer will be closely monitored by school staff.

The frequency of cleaning, sanitizing, and depth of cleaning will be increased throughout the school building following a cleaning schedule.

## **PARENT OPTIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING**

For the start of the 2020-2021 school year, parents have two options for student learning.

**Option #1:** Face-to-Face instruction 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday with safety protocols in place including masks.

**Option #2:** Remote/Online instruction with mandatory student participation following a predetermined schedule. Students will view pre-recorded lessons in the morning and attend daily live virtual classes with teachers from 1-3. It is expected parents will provide internet access and support to allow for online instruction for their child(ren).

If the family is able to access the internet, effectively all activities can be done online, which will eliminate any public health risk associated with providing instructional support.

Once a student is enrolled as a remote learner, this decision cannot be changed until the end of the quarter. At any time a student enrolled in face-to-face learning can switch to remote learning.

Remote learning is best when students have access to the internet at home. We will help families as much as possible to obtain internet services if remote learning is desired. In instances when there is no possibility of internet service, we will offer a paper solution for families. This system will involve paperwork packets that students complete while at home, along with frequent phone calls- either to the students directly or to their parents.

Parents or caregivers must pick up packets at the school on the designated day. Unfortunately, when we have students in attendance at school we will be unable to deliver packets directly to student's homes.

Dallas City Elementary will establish a drop-box at the front entrance of the school. A clearly marked bin or box will be used for parents to drop off completed assignments.

### **Grading and Attendance**

To receive credit and attendance for the courses for this school year students are expected to attend classes in person or remotely and complete assignments. The grading and attendance policies are located in our Student Handbook.

### **Completion Protocols**

Students not making progress, not completing academic packets, or opting not to participate in remote learning, will be provided with guidance and support. For promotion to the next grade level, students will need to have completed the requirements outlined in the grading policy in the Student Handbook.