



## *Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan*

As Charlotte ISD continues to remain 100% open, protocols and information for parents have been updated. These protocols, addressing CDC recommendations, will be revisited every 6 months to address any changes.

Our goal is to ensure a continuity of services for all our students in the areas of academics, social emotional, health and food services.

- Campuses will provide tutoring schedules of all teachers within the first three weeks of school
- Before and after school programming, as well as summer school are offered.
- Each campus has counseling available to address social emotional needs, and in addition a district counselor dedicated to social emotional needs, along with counselors available through the co-op.
- All students in CISD will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Procedures for Campuses**

As the information from the CDC continues to change, these procedures will change as well. Campuses will update any changes throughout the year. To begin school the following will be in place:

- Visitors to school will continue to be restricted to only those essential to school operations.
- Meet the teacher, assemblies, open house, parent conferences, etc. will be held in person. The number of visitors for Meet the Teacher and Open house will be limited. Individual campuses will relay information to parents concerning the number of participants allowed at events. Virtual parent conferences will still be available.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms.

### **Student Attendance**

According to Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students are required to attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2021-2022 school year. All students are expected to comply with compulsory school attendance.

### **Universal and correct wearing of masks**

- According to a proclamation by the Governor of Texas, masks are optional and no longer required. Therefore, masks and face coverings are optional for both students and staff.

### **Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing**

- As allowable, students will be 3 feet apart in the classroom.
- Desks or tables will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- When possible, technology can be utilized when the use of manipulatives is needed. Teachers will consider assigning cohorts of students specific manipulatives in order to reduce the possibility of exposure or consider creating individual bags of supplementary aids and/or manipulatives for student use that could also be sent home in the event of school closure.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be considered when possible. Classroom groups working outside will maintain at least 12 feet of social distance from other classroom groups.
- Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize exposure. Additionally, supplemental services will be grouped by grade level when possible.

### **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

- Alcohol based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Thorough hand washing will continue upon return from outdoors, before eating, and following restroom breaks.
- Proper handwashing technique will be taught to all students and consistently reinforced.
- Supplies provided by students will not be shared.
- Music and PE equipment will be sanitized and wiped down after each use.
- The scheduling of whole class restroom breaks is recommended to eliminate comingling of students across various classes and to ensure teacher monitoring of social distancing guidelines.

### **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities**

- Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected daily.
- All high touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned between lunches.

### **Contact Tracing**

- Contact tracing will continue for any person who tests positive for COVID.
- Any vaccinated person will not have to be quarantined (must show proof of vaccine).

### **Diagnostic and Screening Testing**

- Charlotte ISD encourages students, staff, and any person entering a campus to complete a self-screener prior to coming on campus.

### **Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities**

- Charlotte ISD will continue to partner with Atascosa County to provide vaccination opportunities to staff and students.

### **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities (health and safety)**

- The recommended procedures will be applied to all classroom settings, including special education services locations when possible and appropriate. Individual student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis as outlined in their IEP (Special Education) or Individualized Accommodation Plan (504).

### **Coordination with State and local health officials**

- Charlotte ISD will continue to follow recommendations from the Atascosa County Health Department, the Texas Education Agency and the State of Texas.