Health Careers High School
Start Smart Playbook

This is a supplement to the NISD Community Playbook that outlines districtwide safety and instructional guidelines. This Campus Playbook is intended to provide you with more details about our shared commitments and protocols specific to your child’s school.
Our NISD Community Start Smart Playbook 2020-2021 is the district reopening plan for school operations that has been developed around four major areas:

**Communication**  
*Reopening information for staff and families*

**Prevention**  
*Required practices to prevent the virus from entering the school*

**Mitigation**  
*Recommended and required practices to reduce the likely spread inside the school*

**Response**  
*Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in a school*

Our campus reopening plan for school operations will focus additional campus specific information around communication, prevention, and mitigation.
Communicate
Reopening information for staff and families

Student Priorities

Getting Ready for School Safely

- Before I come to school, I will check my temperature and assess my symptoms; if I have a fever of 100.0 or higher, or any COVID-19 symptoms, or if I have been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, I will stay home and contact my medical provider.
- When waiting for the bus, I will practice social distancing and wear my face covering.
- I will use hand sanitizer as I board the bus, and on the bus, I will wear my face coverings and sit as directed by the bus driver. My bus will be cleaned nightly.
- If I ride in a car to school, my parent or guardian will drop me off in the car rider area; parents will not be able to walk me to my classroom or to the cafeteria.
- If I ride my bike or walk to school, I will enter the school at the designated entry point with my face coverings on.

Safety at School

- I will be screened weekly or daily per district safety plan for symptoms of COVID-19.
- When I arrive at school, I will wear my face covering and follow directions given by teachers and staff.
- I will bring my own water bottle(s) to school because drinking fountains will be closed. Where available, refillable water stations may be used to refill water bottles.
- When I am in the classroom, hallways and other common areas, I will wear my face covering and practice social distancing.
- Headphones, keyboards and mice at computer stations will be sanitized between student use, and I will use hand sanitizer before and after I complete my computer tasks. Seating at desks, tables, and computer stations will be spaced 6 feet apart to the extent physically possible.
- I will wash my hands frequently or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- When I am changing classes or going to a special area class, I will wear my face covering and practice social distancing. I will follow one-directional signs in hallways and on stairways where it applies.
- In the cafeteria, I will wear my face coverings when waiting in line for food, and I will practice social distancing. Before picking up my food, I will use hand sanitizer. Tables will face in one direction, and chairs will be spaced at least 6 feet apart to the extent physically possible.
- I may remove my mask while eating but will put my mask back on before leaving the table.
- Access to campuses will be limited to students and staff members only.
Learning Priorities (Virtual Learners)

- From home, I will log into the Learning Management System, Schoology, daily to engage in direct instruction, instructional support, and intervention both synchronously (real-time) and asynchronously (independent).

Learning Priorities (In-Person Learners)

- Within the classroom, I will engage in direct instruction, instructional support, and intervention through face to face interaction.

Learning Priorities (All Students)

- I will follow the designated daily schedule issued by the campus.
- I will complete and submit assignments and assessments.
- I will follow classroom guidelines.
- I will comply with attendance requirements.
- I will participate in intervention and enrichment as needed to address learning needs.
- I will reach out to a trusted adult for academic or emotional support.
- I understand some participation (in-person) will be required for selected courses at the secondary level, such as Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, athletics.

Parents and Student Priorities

Safety Procedures for Everyone

- Field trips will be limited to virtual learning opportunities aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS).
- Pep rallies, assemblies, and other special events will also be virtual.
- If any additional furniture does not allow for distancing of desks, tables and chairs so students are spaced 6 feet apart to the extent physically possible, it will be removed.
- Students in grades PreK - Grade 5 will remain with their classmates all day; elementary teachers who departmentalize core content areas will travel to the class.
- Visitors are restricted to essential business only such as scheduled appointments, illness of child, or family emergencies.
- ARDs, 504 meetings, and parent conferences are encouraged to be held virtually. If a meeting or conference can only be held in person, social distancing and mask guidelines are to be followed with minimal in person participants. Some participants may participate remotely.
- Any student or staff member traveling internationally or on cruise ships will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to the United States, based on
federal and state executive orders. Students will be provided an opportunity to continue learning during the quarantine period through virtual learning.

☒ The school nurse will have a designated isolation area in the event that a child or a staff member comes to school and presents COVID-19 symptoms.

☒ Parents will be contacted to pick ill students up immediately. Contact tracing will be used to identify students or staff members who may need to self quarantine for 14 days. Students will transition to virtual learning during the self quarantine period using the Schoology platform.

☒ All buildings and work spaces will be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day.

**Parent Commitments for Virtual Learning**

☒ I will ensure my student follows assigned schedule and attends classes to meet attendance requirements.

☒ I will support my student with Schoology by participating in district-offered training.

☒ I will maintain communication with my student’s teachers to receive feedback on their progress and create a learning partnership.

☒ I will create a designated learning space, free of distractions.

☒ I will check out an electronic device from the district, if needed.

☒ I will ensure there is adequate internet in the household, or seek assistance from the district.

☒ I will ensure my student has required school supplies necessary for learning.

☒ I will set up a Home Access Center (HAC) account to monitor grades and progress.

☒ I understand some participation (in-person) will be required for selected courses at the secondary level, such as Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, athletics.

☒ I understand enrollment in virtual learning is a nine week commitment with the option of continuing for the full year.
Prevention

*Required practices to prevent the virus from entering the school*

**Staff & Student Health and Safety**

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**Student Screening**

All students at our school must complete a Student Screening Questionnaire before they come to school.

Signage with QR codes will be posted on all entry doors. Teachers and staff on duty will monitor and will remind students to complete the questionnaire.

**Physical Barriers and Guides**

Our campus has plexiglass barriers where staff will interact with visitors, cafeteria and other office areas where no social distancing can be practiced. Visual cues, signage, and barriers will be used to direct traffic flow and demonstrate social distancing.

Cleaning supplies will be available in each classroom.

Students will not be using the lockers in order to manage traffic flow and prevent groups from congregating in any hall area. Maps will be posted in each classroom and around the campus to show the correct one-directional traffic flow for the hallways and stairwells.

Regular water fountains will be closed; only water bottle filling stations will be used. At least two more will be installed. Directions for proper water bottle filling will be posted.

**Student Arrival**

Our campus has developed specific plans and procedures to provide multiple entries for walkers, bike riders, parent drop-off, and bus riders if needed.

Students will enter the building through the front doors and the bus loop only. They will follow the one-directional flow when walking to their designated waiting area for the first bell.
When students arrive on campus, they will not be permitted to wander the hallways. They will be expected to go to the cafeteria and remain in their seats. If needed, the gym and front area will be set up with chairs spaced 6 ft apart. Only students with a pass will be allowed to go to a teacher’s classroom for tutoring or intervention.

**Student Dismissal**

Campus procedures for dismissal include staggering the groups of walkers, car riders, bus riders, and daycare students to help manage student movement in the building and decrease the risk of potential crowding outside at dismissal time.

During our “first day” procedures, students will be identified as parent pick-up, drivers or bus riders. They will be released in that order. Students will be asked not to re-enter the building once they have been released. There will be no after school tutoring, clubs or other extra-curricular activities held in person. They will all be virtual.

**Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

Follow the campus-designed guidance for drop-off and pick-up of students.

When students arrive on campus, they should enter the building and go directly to their designated area. Students should be dropped off as close to the first bell as possible.

When released at the end of the day, students will be asked to leave the building and parking lot and not re-enter the building.

Parents picking up their student during the day are asked to do one of the following:

- Send a note with their student in the morning indicating the time the student will be picked up and by whom.
- Call ahead to let the attendance secretary know what time the student will be picked up and by whom.

Parents can enter the building to sign their student out, and then they will be asked to wait in their car if their student is not ready yet.
Mitigation

Recommended and required practices to reduce the likely spread inside the school

Visitors

For the 2020-2021 school year additional safety precautions will be implemented to meet the CDC and TEA guidelines for COVID-19. Campus visitors will be limited to essential business only (scheduled appointment, illness of a child and/or family emergency). All individuals entering the building will be required to wear a face covering and will be subject to screening by way of a symptom screening form. Parents will not be allowed to eat breakfast or lunch with their child due to space and social distancing guidelines.

Meals

Campus procedures will be updated below before in-person learning begins.

- No food deliveries will be accepted at the campus for adults or students.
- Food or other items including non-edibles may not be distributed to classmates.

Students purchasing a lunch in the cafeteria will follow safety guidelines in the lunch line. They will wear their masks and practice social distancing in the line. Payments will be taken touchless, so students will need to have their ID cards available.

Students will be asked to sit six feet apart in the cafeteria. Additionally, chairs will be placed six feet apart in the gym and foyer. The tall tables in the foyer will have one chair at each. The outside seating area allows for one student per table and one student per bench on good weather days.

Juniors and Seniors will not be allowed to leave campus for lunch, and food deliveries will not be accepted.
Response

Required practices to respond to a lab-confirmed case in the school

There are no campus specific procedures in this area. Please view the NISD Community Start Smart Playbook for uniform district wide procedures.