

Date: September 4, 2020  
To: F2F Calallen ISD Parents/Guardians  
From: Dr. Arturo Almendarez, Superintendent  
Re: Face-to-Face Transition



According to the commitment provided for your student, they will be attending face-to-face instruction beginning next week. On September 8th, Calallen ISD will begin transitioning students who committed to face-to-face instruction back into school buildings.

- **September 8th and 9th:** Face-to-face instruction begins for the following grades and student groups - Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 4, Grade 6, Grade 9, and students in self-contained special education classrooms. This phase-in of students will allow students new to campuses the opportunity to orient to the new environment in a safe and healthy way.
- **September 10th:** Face-to-face instruction begins for all other students who selected the on-campus model of instruction.

After the first six weeks, parents/guardians may elect to change the mode of instruction every three weeks, as long as two weeks advanced notice is provided to the campus. Please see the [2020-2021 Instructional Format Calendar](#) for the weeks when you will be able to request a change in instructional format. A form will be available in [Skyward Family Access](#) for you to request the change.

#### Transportation:

If you indicated a need for transportation on your commitment form, you may access [Bus Route](#) information on the Calallen ISD website.

#### Food Service:

Following the USDA announcement on August 31, 2020, all Calallen ISD students will have access to free meals. Students will be eligible for *free* breakfast and lunch through December 31, 2020. Menus are posted on the [Calallen ISD Food Service](#) website.

#### Health Plan:

The [Calallen Health and Safety Plan](#) is available on the district webpage. It outlines procedures for the mitigation of COVID-19 in our schools. It is important that the following procedures are adhered to:

#### *Student Screening:*

In accordance with Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidance, parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school. Students with symptoms and/or close exposure to an individual with COVID-19 should not attend school on-site. It is imperative that we all play our part in helping to keep each other safe.

#### *Face Coverings:*

Consistent with the Governor's most recent executive order, masks will be required while in school buildings, with certain limited exceptions. Masks are an essential tool in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, so masks will be required in accordance with TEA and CDC guidelines. Students and visitors are required to be wearing a mask for entrance into district buildings.

#### *Water:*

Water fountains will not be accessible to students. We ask that parents please send a clean reusable water bottle with students. Water bottles will be provided as needed, and touchless water refilling stations are currently being installed.

Visitors:

Visitors to Calallen ISD facilities will be limited to only essential functions of the school. School buildings will remain locked for health and safety reasons. If you need to visit the campus for an emergency, please call the campus to be granted access. Visitor screening protocols will be in place, including required face coverings, sanitizing, temperature checks, and health screening form. Please keep the following in mind:

- Virtual options for meeting with visitors will be utilized to the extent possible.
- Visitors will not be allowed for lunch until further notice.
- Visitors will not be allowed on campus to deliver lunches to students until further notice.
- Visitors will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms upon arrival until further notice.
- Visitors who are checking students out of school should report to the office and complete the checkout process. Visitors will then return to their vehicle to wait for the student to be released.

In addition, parents/guardians will not be allowed to congregate at pick up times. Face coverings and social distancing will apply at all times when on school grounds.

Dress Code:

The Calallen ISD dress code will be in effect in accordance with the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

We appreciate the support of our parents/guardians and ask for additional patience as we transition into the 2020-2021 school year. We will need the continued adherence to all protocols and procedures in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. It will take all stakeholders, parents/guardians, students, and staff to make this a safe and healthy school year in Calallen ISD.