

Sulphur Bluff ISD
2021-2022 School Plan



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Welcome Back to SBISD

Sulphur Bluff ISD is excited to welcome back students on August 18th. SBISD will now only offer in-person instruction for the 21-22 school year. We will continue to provide additional safety precautions prescribed by our state and local officials, TEA, and the CDC. We look forward to resuming a more traditional school year for our students and faculty, while still focusing on increased health and safety precautions from the previous year that will keep our students healthy.

Instructional Information for Families

SBISD will offer only a Face to Face instruction option for the 2020-2021 school year. Quarantined students may still be able to receive online instruction for compulsory attendance purposes. Both instructional formats will cover information prescribed in the TEKS set forth by the state and follow our curriculum guides nine week grading period.

Face-To-Face Learning

Students and teachers will attend class in-person, five days a week, with additional safety measures in alignment with state and federal guidelines and recommendations. Safety precautions will include, but not be limited to regular screening of students and staff, temperature checks daily before classes, hand sanitizers and increased emphasis on hand washing.

- In this setting, teachers will provide face-to-face instruction, and facilitation of learning and support within a blended learning model of instruction.

Return to School Protocols

Following are the return to onsite work protocols for Sulphur Bluff ISD campus. Key prevention strategies will be followed, as allowed throughout the school day.

Preparation for the Opening of School

Before schools re-open, Sulphur Bluff ISD will implement health and safety plans that include:

- Ensuring adequate supply inventory (e.g., PPE, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Cleaning with products approved by governing authorities and per guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Ensuring compliance with CDC, Health and Human Services, the Texas Education Agency and other jurisdictional policies.
- Providing communication of procedures and expectations upon entering facilities and throughout buildings.

Protocols for Screening and Isolation

General

All students and staff will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms daily and individuals with symptoms will be separated and sent home.

Screening Protocols

- Parents are asked to screen their children for symptoms before sending the student to school.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.
- Staff and students should not enter campuses or district buildings if any of the following apply. The individual is:
 - ❖ Sick or has been sick in the past 5 days. Symptoms to watch for: fever (100°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
 - ❖ Has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19. These individuals must follow all isolation and quarantine guidelines from the local health authority or their physician.
 - ❖ Has a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results, or who is awaiting their own test results.

Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the nurse if symptoms are present.

Isolation Protocols

- For students displaying symptoms or are feeling feverish, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.
- If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Schools must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding positive cases on a school campus.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be permitted to return to school when:
 - ❖ 10 days have passed since symptoms began;
 - ❖ Improved symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing, etc.);
 - ❖ They are 3 days (72 hours) fever-free without using fever-reducing medication;

Protocols for Personal Protective Equipment

Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order regarding masks. Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. Staff and students who wish to wear masks voluntarily will be allowed to do so.

Protocols for Campus Visitors

Parents and Guardians are still welcome at school, but we would like to limit visitors on campus as much as possible for the safety of the students and staff. We would prefer all parents drop off and pickup students at the outside doors without entering the building. Sign-ins at the Front Office will be required.

Protocols for Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing

Frequent disinfection and hand sanitization will ensure health and wellness of students and staff.

Hand Washing/Sanitizing Expectations

Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.

Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.

Hand washing breaks and reminders will be provided throughout the day.

Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

Daily Campus Cleaning

- Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned and disinfected.
- All high-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Cafeterias will be disinfected between lunch periods.

Campus Health & Safety Protocols

School Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival: Separate entrances will be utilized for Secondary students, Elementary students, and car riders. Secondary will enter – High School Hallway entrance, Elementary will enter – Main School entrance, Car Riders – the same Middle entrance in front of the school. Parents are asked to drop students at the front doors and not walk students to classrooms.

Dismissal: Campus will stagger dismissal groups by grade and classroom. Staggering the groups will help manage student movement in the building and decrease the risk of potential crowding outside at dismissal time. Sanitizer stations will be placed at each exit and students will be encouraged to sanitize hands prior to exit. Separate exits will be utilized for car riders, bus riders, and high school drivers.

General Building Guidance

Student

- Use hand sanitizer upon arrival.
- Students will be assigned to report to a specific area and will be expected to adhere to schedules for morning arrival.
- Students can utilize the bathroom, but the number of students that enter will be limited to 2 students at a time. Students must observe social distancing while in the bathroom.
- Students must wash hands after leaving the bathroom.

Staff

- Staff members will be assigned to supervise students each morning in specific areas.

Cafeteria - Breakfast and Lunch

Students may have meals in both the cafeteria and in classrooms. Distancing will be utilized at each table limiting cafeteria capacity to 75 at any given time. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.

Breakfast in the mornings and second breakfast will return to normal procedures.

Water Fountains

SBISD has installed bottle fill-up stations at select water fountains throughout the school. It is encouraged that students bring water containers to fill instead of using the fountains.

Extra-curricular and UIL

All extracurricular practices and contests will be conducted following safety protocol provided by guidance from SBISD, UIL and TEA.

Emergencies and Drills

Sulphur Bluff ISD will continue to follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and its emergency actions of Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter, and Hold.