South Tippah School District
Return to School Plan
2021-2022

"FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE"
BACK TO SCHOOL

When: Wednesday, August 4th

Welcome Back!!!

STSD..... "FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE" 2021 - 2022
FACE TO FACE

- Face coverings are highly recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff, but will not be required anytime during the school day.
- Implementation of social distancing when possible.
- Visitors will have temperature checked before entering school buildings.
- All areas of the school used by staff/students will be thoroughly disinfected (fogged) daily. This will be periodically reevaluated throughout the school year to determine necessity.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all school entrances and throughout the schools.
- Breakfast/lunch will be eaten in classrooms.
- Vaccinated students and staff will not have to quarantine during the school year if exposure takes place.
- Unvaccinated individuals within 3 feet of an infected student/staff, do not have to quarantine if BOTH student/staff were wearing a mask.
The South Tippah School District believes that its students learn better in a face to face, in person setting. In saying this, the South Tippah School District believes virtual learning has a place in the future of education, and we are blessed to have the capabilities to offer it under extreme circumstances and extreme medical situations. These extreme circumstances and medical conditions will be evaluated on an individual basis. A doctor’s note/statement will be considered but will not immediately qualify a person for virtual learning.

Each case will be examined by a team consisting of the student’s home school administrator, the assistant superintendent, the superintendent, and another in-district, administrator or district personnel staff member.

The home school administrator will notify the parents of the committee decision and this decision will be final with no appeal to the school board.

The decision to put more stringent requirements on virtual learning was based on data from the 2020-2021 school year. This data shows that students who attended face to face, on campus instruction performed significantly better than those students who were virtual learners.
DISTANCE LEARNING (CONT.)

- If approved for distance learning, after meeting with principal, Chromebooks will be issued to students to use if he/she does not have a personal device.

- Students will be required to be logged in at the beginning of their scheduled class time with roll taken.

- If student is not logged in at the appropriate time, he/she will be considered absent and handbook policies will apply regarding grades.

- If a student joins class late, this will be considered tardy and handbook policies will apply regarding this as well.
DISTANCE LEARNING (CONT.)

- Students participating in distance learning will be accessed through observations, video conferencing, and discussion boards as well as assignment submissions and assessments. Students will be required to schedule a time to take major tests on the campus of his/her respected school.

- Major assessments will be proctored by a STSD employee in a classroom set aside for assessment of online students.
Distance learning will have the same rigor as face-to-face instruction but may or may not be equitable.

Student will "attend class" through Zoom/Google Hangout, etc. Student will be required to mute him or herself and ask questions through chat.

Assignments are to be submitted as required.
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Distance learning privileges CAN be revoked at any time!
The traditional schedule will be modified if there is a significant outbreak of the COVID-19 virus among our students and/or employees.

We will be in contact with the local and Mississippi Department of Health officials if this becomes necessary.

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Parents are highly encouraged to transport students when possible.

Face coverings are optional and must be supplied by the student if worn.

ALL buses will be disinfected (fogged) daily as long as deemed necessary by STSD.

***All bus riders will have assigned seats.***

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When Someone Shows Symptoms of COVID-19

Schools have identified a room/space to isolate students who display symptoms of COVID-19

When students show symptoms of COVID-19 (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath), they will be sent to school nurse and put in isolation.

Parents/Guardians will be notified.

Immediately transfer student to online instruction (330 minutes of synchronous instruction)

***South Tippah School District will NOT conduct COVID-19 testing. This is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

"Close contact" is defined as being at less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.

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COVID-19 Case Identified in Student or Staff

In the event that MSDH is aware of COVID-19 cases, schools will be notified.

Parents and staff will be required to notify school of COVID-19 cases and begin isolation at home for a full 10 days.

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All measures outlined in this plan are temporary and subject to further review and change based on information received from local, state, and federal officials. The superintendent and designees will continue to monitor available data including local case counts, hospital readiness, and trends over time. The superintendent shall have the authority to make changes to these procedures based on emergent changing conditions, subject to review by the South Tippah School Board.

For questions or comments about the 2021-2022 Return to School Plan, please send an email to: questions@stsd.ms.
Vision

The South Tippah School District desires to be an “A” district under the current accountability standards in the state of Mississippi.

Mission

The mission of the South Tippah School District is to properly and safely educate all students within the school system so that all students can be successful at their next level of endeavor.

Beliefs

It is the belief of South Tippah School District that all children are capable of learning if empowered and motivated to do so.

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