

SLATON ISD

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

2020 – 2021

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We are ready for all of our TIGERS to return to the classroom. Your administrators and teachers have invested in new learning this summer and we are ready to tackle the challenges of this exciting school year. We love you, we have missed you, and we are eager to see you again.

Our current instructional plan is designed to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all of our TIGERS. We follow the TEA guidelines and will update our plans periodically to maintain compliance. Please continue to look at this document on our website at Slatonisd.net for updates as we receive them from TEA.

CORE VALUES

Slaton ISD's Instructional Plan for 2020-2021 is designed around 4 essential pillars filtered through Texas Education Agency mandates.

- **Student and Teacher Safety** – Our first obligation to our families in Slaton ISD is safety. Keeping students safe and providing safe environments for students and teachers is priority one in our district. While there is no guarantee that a student or teacher will not be ill during the school year, we provide mitigating processes to lessen the likelihood.
- **Parent / Guardian Involvement** – We are dedicated to assure parents/guardians are supported through all potential varieties of instructional delivery. Parents will be required to partner with their child's teacher(s) to assure successful learning and growth. Parents / Guardians will have learning opportunities to better understand their child's technology device, curriculum design and independent work expectations.
- **Instructional Excellence** – Years of research has proven that the teacher in the classroom is the most decisive element to promote student growth. There is no online substitute for the learning environment that the school provides with a quality teacher at the helm. Our Tigers need to receive instruction directly from our teachers in order to assure growth.
- **Teacher Effectiveness** – SISD teachers are professionals and desire all students to be successful. Slaton ISD is dedicated to building instructional systems and providing essential resources that support our teachers to that end within a reasonable scope of expectations.

District Wide Safety Protocols

It is our desire and intention to keep our Tigers and our teachers safe when they return to campus on August 19. The following district wide safety protocols are designed to do just that – keep everyone safe. While we cannot promise that no one will become ill, we are following all reasonable precautions to keep it to a minimum.

- **Health and Hygiene Practices**
 - Hand sanitizer is available at all approved building entrances and in all classrooms.
 - Campuses teach appropriate handwashing techniques and require handwashing and/or hand sanitizer throughout the day – specifically before and after all transitions including lunch.
- **Cleaning Practices**
 - Janitorial staff will clean and disinfect commonly touched areas throughout the day and after the school day has ended.
 - Safe and developmentally appropriate methods for cleaning for workspaces will be used by students and teachers throughout the day.
- **Wellness Check**
 - All students on every campus are screened twice daily for abnormally high body temperature. Using Fever Scan technology, students are screened as they walk down the hallway or enter their classrooms. Students whose temperatures are scanned to be above 100° Fahrenheit are referred to the nurse’s office for a personal inner ear temperature and symptom verification.
 - If your child is showing any flu like symptoms (fever, cough, congestion of head or lungs, loss of smell or taste) **keep them at home** until they have been fever free for 72 hours.
 - Any student exhibiting cold or flu like symptoms at school will be sent to the nurse for further evaluation. The school nurse will determine if the child remains at school.
- **Social Distancing**
 - Classroom arrangements have been designed to increase space between students and to limit the number of students who are in “Close Contact” with one another. Each campus has a unique plan appropriate for the age of their students. Consideration for all common areas including the hallways, gyms, cafeterias, etc. have been taken into account.
- **Face Masks**
 - Parents are responsible for providing masks for their students each day.
 - All adults and Junior High and High School students (it is recommended for all children) will wear masks in all common areas of the school until seated in their classroom. Once seated they have the option of removing their mask until they start to leave their seat. Teachers may choose to wear face shields either along with or instead of masks.
- **Close Contact**
 - Close Contact is defined as individuals who are directly exposed to infectious secretions with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 under the following two conditions: 1) being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield or 2) being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask or face shield. Individuals are presumed infectious two days prior to symptom onset or lab test confirmation.

- **Exposure Notification**
 - When an exposure of a symptomatic individual occurs, SISD will follow the CDC and TEA guidelines of close contact tracing and complete a thorough risk assessment. Based on the results, the determination as to close contact quarantine will be made and parents contacted. Students identified as close contact will transition to online only instruction for the short period of required quarantine. Students without symptoms after 10 days are able to return to in-person instruction.
- **Social, Emotional or Mental Health Concerns**
 - Our campus counselors, in conjunction with our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) team, are available to support the needs of our students throughout the year and have many resources for individuals and families who are experiencing emotional struggles during this unprecedented time. Please notify a campus counselor or administrator if you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment for support. We are eager to help.
- **Transportation**
 - School buses will run normal routes, but in order to avoid overcrowding, it is highly encouraged that in town parents and guardians provide transportation to and from school.
 - Mask protocols are in effect when traveling on school buses. They are highly suggested for primary and elementary students and mandatory for junior high and high school students. Buses will run their normal routes in and out of town.
 - Students will use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the bus.
 - Windows will be opened, weather permitting, to increase fresh airflow.

Please note that details of our plan are subject to change based on guidelines from TEA, Federal, State and Local officials.

INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

School Starts on August 19, 2020

TEA has given families the option of attending school In-Person or Virtually. Both of these methods are outlined below. Campus specific practices and protocols are listed below under the heading for each campus.

- **In-Person/Blended Instruction** – While In-Person instruction varies according to the specific needs and appropriate methods for each campus age group, there are some best practices that profoundly impact all students. Research has consistently shown that student learning is most often successful when it is cultivated in a culture and environment where collaboration among peers is facilitated by knowledgeable and attuned educators. The number one goal is to provide students with the most efficient instructional methods and in the moment intervention to ensure that all students reach their full potential.
- **Virtual Instruction** –Virtual Instruction is vastly different than the “Instructional Continuity” plan that was outlined by the state in March. Virtual Instruction is significantly more rigorous and demanding requiring: daily student participation and independent work product submissions, online attendance minimums, daily grades (failing course work denies student credit in secondary schools and grade promotion in primary grades), Pre and Post tests for each 9 weeks, BOY, MOY, EOY assessments for primary grades, STAAR and EOC tests for appropriate grade levels. The commitment on the part of the student and the parent requires tremendous discipline to independently meet the online schedule and work submission deadlines.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities** – The SISD school board has adopted the following resolutions:
 - *Slaton ISD students who voluntarily participate in an all-remote instructional method, whether synchronous or asynchronous, shall not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity, practice, or performance. Additionally, classes not offered for all-remote instruction in Slaton ISD include Athletics, Band, OAP, IPET, Health Science Theory/Clinical, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Ag Mechanics& Metal Technology, Welding, Building Maintenance, HVAC or Electrical Technology for the grading period in which the student is receiving all-remote instruction.*
 - *The Application for Virtual Instruction must be received by the Campus Administration in which the child will be enrolled on or before August 5, 2020 at 4:00pm.*
 - *Notification for changing methods of instruction from virtual to in-person must be received in writing by the campus at least 10 school days prior to the last day of instruction for the current 9 weeks.*
 - *Only one change of instruction method is allowed during an instructional year.*

TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR ALL SISD STUDENTS

One to One Technology

- All SISD students will be issued a technology device for daily use on campus. 3rd – 12th graders will be issued Chromebooks that they will bring to school daily and keep with them throughout the day. Kindergarten – 2nd grade students will be issued iPads, which they will leave at school until such time that they are quarantined and transition to online learning.

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN PRIMARY

- **Open House**
 - Wednesday *August 12th 5:30 – 7:30
 - Thursday *August 13th 5:30 – 7:30

** Parents will be notified about the date of your visit*
- **First Day of School**
 - School starts at 7:45 – 3:40
 - Please enter the building through the front door or gym on the south side
 - Everyone entering the building will have their temperature checked upon entry
 - Adults are required to wear masks upon entry
 - Parents are welcome to go to their child's room
 - All parents will leave the building by 8:15am
- **Sanitation**
 - Please DO NOT COME TO THE BUILDING if you are experiencing flu like symptoms.
- **Instruction**
 - We are looking forward to seeing our Tigers in person every day of the week.
 - At SFA – It All Starts Here!

CATHELENE THOMAS ELEMENTARY

- **Open House**
 - Wednesday *August 12th 5:00 – 8:00
 - Thursday *August 13th 5:00 – 7:00

** Parents will be notified about the specific day and time*
- **First Day of School**
 - School hours are 7:45 – 3:50
 - 1st and 2nd grade students enter through the main door (#1)
 - 3rd through 5th grade students enter through the west door (#2)
 - Everyone entering the building will have their temperature checked upon entry
 - Adults are required to wear masks upon entry
 - All children are encouraged to wear masks
 - All parents will leave the building by 8:05am
- **Sanitation**
 - Please DO NOT COME TO THE BUILDING if you are experiencing flu like symptoms.
- **Instruction**
 - We are looking forward to seeing our Tigers coming to school every day - on time.
 - At CTE – we are building a brighter future!

JUNIOR HIGH

- **Open House**

- 6th Grade Orientation ONLY
 - August 12th 5:30-6:15 (M-Z) and -6:30-7:15pm (A-L)
- Virtual Orientation
 - August 11th
 - 7th Grade 5:15 – 5:45
 - 8th Grade 6:00 – 6:30

- **First Day of School**

- School hours: 7:55 – 3:50
- Group A (A-L): Wednesday August 19
- Group B (M-Z): Thursday August 20
- Students will pick up their schedule on their first day of school
- Students who arrive prior to 7:50 through the old gym doors on the west end.

- **Sanitation**

- Masks are **required** for all JH students and will be enforced as part of the SISD dress code. Families must provide mask for students.
- Temperature will be scanned upon entry to the building

- **Instruction**

*A-B schedule will run through Labor Day with daily / weekly review and monitoring to assure program viability and safety.

	'A' Group (A-L)	'B' Group (M-Z)
Monday	On campus (following regular 8-period schedule)	Students complete assignments through asynchronous instruction*
Tuesday	Students complete assignments through asynchronous instruction*	On campus (following regular 8-period schedule)
Wednesday	On campus (following regular 8-period schedule)	Students complete assignments through asynchronous instruction*
Thursday	Students complete assignments through asynchronous instruction*	On campus (following regular 8-period schedule)
Friday	*Asynchronous Instruction for all students; A or B students in need of intervention may be invited for in-person instruction; teacher office hours; planning; grading; parent contacts	

* Asynchronous Instruction is online independent work performed by students at their own pace without real time teacher intervention

HIGH SCHOOL

- **Open House**

- Freshman Orientation ONLY
 - August 12th 5:30-6:15 (A-L) and -6:30-7:15pm (M-Z)
- Virtual Orientation
 - August 11th
 - Sophomores 6:00 – 6:30
 - Juniors 6:45 – 7:15
 - Seniors 7:30 – 8:00

- **First Day of School**

- School hours: 7:55 – 3:50
- Group A (A-L): Wednesday August 19
- Group B (M-Z): Thursday August 20
- Students will pick up their schedule on their first day of school

- **Sanitation**

- Masks are **required** for all SHS students and will be enforced as part of the SISD dress code. Families must provide mask for students.
- Temperature will be scanned upon entry at the cafeteria doors and the main entrance near the auditorium

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