

McBride Elementary School

Welcome Back to School Reopening Protocol SY 2020-2021

Patriot Families,

As noted in our Welcome Back to Bravo video, parents will be receiving a great deal of pertinent information in the coming days as we prepare together to return to school safely.

As we prepare to open for on campus instruction, establishing clear expectations for all is critical. The new protocols and procedures that will be in place include the following:

- Adhere to DoDEA COVID 19 Operational Protocol and DoDEA Health and Safety Guidelines Volume 3- attached with this newsletter;
- Adhere to CDC safety guidelines;
- Be implemented consistently.

*****Remember we are in this TOGETHER! Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!**

Operations & Procedures	McBride ES Back to School Protocol
<p style="text-align: center;">Oct. 8, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drive and Drop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parents will return student laptops and Prescreening Acknowledgement Form and school supplies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All school supplies must be labeled with the student's first/last name along with teacher/grade level.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Please use your Sponsor's Last Name and first initial: ie Smith, C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:30 - 11:30 A-L will report to front area to return student materials.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***11:30-12:30 – Open for any that can't make designated time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff will be limited, please be patient during lunch drive and drop</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:30 - 3:30 M-Z will report to front area to return student materials.</p>

<p>UPCOMING INFORMATION:</p> <p>Video series and one pager messages...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Entrance Video • Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Dismissal and Neighborhood Video • Thursday, Oct. 8 – Welcome Back/Video tour of McBride Elementary
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<p>Masks Usage All students will be required to wear a mask at designated locations and times. Two masks will be provided for each child if needed. Parents may also provide masks that fit properly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required upon entering the building and all common areas. • Students may be asked to wear their masks when working in small groups, when social distancing is not possible and in other situations adults deem it necessary. • Students, teachers, and staff will wear face coverings in hallways, common areas, and during arrival/dismissal. • Lanyards will be provided to help students keep masks close.
<p>Arrival/Dismissal* Please view the Video coming on Oct. 6 & 7 which will show car and walker arrival and dismissal procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required upon the exit of the car and should remain on until students reach their classrooms. • Upon dismissal, masks are required until students have reached and entered their cars. • Students should wear a mask when walking/bike riding to school when social distancing expectations cannot be met.
<p>Bus Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Stop: Students will be required to maintain 6 feet social distancing and wear a face covering. • Bus Ride: Students will be required to wear a face covering for the duration of the ride to and from school. • Students will practice social distancing when lining up upon entering and exiting the bus.
<p>Technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will continue to use computers for instruction. • Students in Grades 1st-5th will use a designated computer and will not share without proper sanitation. • Students/Staff will use hand sanitizer before and after using the computers. • Each student will use personal headphones when needed for accessing sound on the computer.
<p>Transitions/Hallway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are mandatory for all faculty and students in hallways. • Students will be expected to practice social distancing guidelines as they move throughout the school. • Students will remain with their grade level groups throughout the day to minimize crossover or overlap of grade levels. • Grade levels will have their own designated entrances, walkways, traffic patterns, and sitting areas in the café.
<p>Visitors & Contractors Although our visitors are always amazing in support of our students and staff, we will be limiting access to the building at this time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building access for parents/guardians/other adults will be limited for exceptional circumstances only. • All visitors are required to wear a face covering while on campus. • Virtual meetings will be available when possible.
<p>Classroom Set-Up & Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms will be organized based upon social distancing guidelines. • All desks will be spaced 6 feet apart and will be facing the same direction. • When working in close proximity, masks will be required.

<p>Cleaning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desks, chairs, and high touch points (door knobs, light switches, etc.) will be cleaned and sanitized each day. • We will continue to follow Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting published by CDC, which includes using an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 in addition to an aggressive cleaning protocol. • Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected and cleaned throughout the day. • Students and staff will implement appropriate cleaning measures.
<p>Facility & Operational Changes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs posted at all entrances for grade levels and safety reminders. • Traditional water fountains will be closed. Water filling stations will be available. Students may bring a refillable water bottle to school and bottles must have the student's name and grade level.
<p>Health & Hygiene (students)</p> <p>The school and parents must work together to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID 19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The Prescreening Protocol and Acknowledgement Form for students must be signed and sent back to the school prior to the first day of school.</u> • Parents are asked to prescreen student within 2 hours of arrival to school. • Anyone with a fever of 100.4 or above or COVID-19 symptoms should not come to school. • Students should wash hands frequently and refrain from touching their face. • Hand sanitizer will be available campus-wide and its use encouraged frequently.
<p>Lunchroom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn to lunch and while standing in line. • Social distancing will be enforced with signage and supervision. • Students will sit in assigned seats that are marked for availability. • Students will not be permitted to share food at any time. • Visitors will not be able to eat in the cafeteria at this time.
<p>Meetings/ Gatherings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No in-person assemblies will be held at this time. • Virtual activities will be pursued for most parent meetings when possible.
<p>School Hours</p> <p>Please, no student check out the last 30 minutes of the school day except for extenuating circumstances approved by the principal.</p>	<p>Please adhere to the arrival times as faculty and staff members are not on duty to supervise students until 8:20 am.</p> <p>SCHOOL HOURS for SY 20-21</p> <p>Student Arrival- 8:40 am (students eating breakfast may enter at 8:20).</p> <p>Instruction Begins- 8:50 am</p> <p>Dismissal- 3:30 pm</p> <p>***Starting 10-13-20 TUESDAY EARLY RELEASE: Dismissal on Tuesdays will begin at 2:10 pm</p> <p>Dismissal procedures will begin 10 minutes prior to ensure safety for large group transitions.</p>



