Start of School Information for The Academy at Nola Dunn

August 3, 2020





BISD First Week - Elementary School

- August 31st is the first week of school
- If you chose Virtual Learning, your whole week will be virtual learning
- If you chose On-Campus, you will have a mix of Virtual and On-campus days, with full On-Campus learning beginning September 8th
 - This allows us to bring small groups of students in and practice protocols and procedures
 - More information on the Virtual schedules during these days will be coming
 - More information on providing Chromebooks for those who don't have them will be coming
 - Normal start and end times will take place on the days of On-campus
 - Normal busses will take place on the days of On-campus
 - Note: This is a normal school day, and the new policies and procedures for visitors, etc. will be followed



Elementary Early Childhood Schedule for BISD First Week

- Knowing that these grades may need more support with protocols and procedures, they are being asked to attend in person more frequently the week of August 31st.
- The schedule for On-Campus is as follows:
 - \circ $\$ Pre-K and Kinder
 - On -campus Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - Virtual Friday
 - 1st Grade
 - On- campus Monday, Friday
 - Virtual Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - \circ 2nd Grade
 - On campus Tuesday, Friday
 - Virtual Monday, Wednesday, Thursday



Elementary 3-5 Schedule for BISD First Week

- The schedule for On-Campus is as follows:
 - \circ 3rd Grade
 - On campus Wednesday
 - Virtual Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - \circ 4th Grade
 - On- campus Thursday
 - Virtual Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday
 - 5th Grade
 - On campus Thursday
 - Virtual Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday



Meet the Teacher



- Virtual Meetings will be set up by each classroom teacher for (Thursday) August 27, 2020.
- Times will vary by individual teacher.
- Families will be contacted and sent an invitation prior to this day.
- Each teacher will also send out a pre-recorded video introducing themselves and give a visual of how their classroom is set-up.



Arrival



 Parents can drop off at two locations, front and back drive-up with doors opening at 7:15. Walk up is not available and we are asking parents to remain in their vehicles. Students will wait in the gym or the cafeteria with social distancing in place. Students wanting breakfast will be provided a grab & go breakfast to eat in their classroom.

Classrooms will be dismissed from the cafeteria and the gym one at a time starting at 7:30, with monitoring in the halls, using assigned staircase to their classrooms.

• Staff will monitor designated parent drop-off lanes but will not open/close car doors to eliminate physical contact.

We know that parent assistance may be necessary for our youngest students, but please help your child practice exiting the car independently to keep the line moving.



Dismissal



- Grades 4 5 and their siblings will go to the gym with parents picking up in the back drive through lane. Students will be seated 6 feet apart from one another.
- Grades K 3 will be in our "Front Drive Up" with K & 1 sitting under the awning and 2 & 3 spread out in the cafeteria. Students will be monitored for social distancing.
- Parents will stay in the car and display the child's name card in the window.
- Students attending daycare will be dismissed to our Specials Hallway to get on their daycare bus where they will sit socially distanced.
- While our youngest students may need parents to help them buckle, please help your child learn to buckle to keep dismissal flowing smoothly.



Lunch



- Two classrooms can go to lunch together.
- Our tables support two students at a table to eat their lunch. Tables must be set up so that back to back students are still socially distanced. Students will sit two at a table (formerly 8) allowing for 6 feet distance between them.
- The other classrooms get their lunch and return to their classrooms to eat, monitored by staff.
- Two classes will go to the cafeteria for the entire week, this will be on a rotating basis..
- The classroom lunch eaters will have faculty monitoring the students for social distancing.
- There are no lunch visitors on campus.
- Students with allergies who eat in their classroom will have an allergy free table in the flex space.
- Students must bring a lunch with them or purchase a lunch at the cafeteria. Please do not bring a lunch to school during their lunch time.
- Lunch schedule:

K 10:30-11:00	1st 11:00-11:30	2nd 11:30-12:00
3rd 12:00-12:30	4th 1:00-1:30	5th 12:30-1:00



Recess



 Classrooms will have a designated playspace for the day, including the playground, the basketball courts, the soccer field, the back field, and if needed, the brain break circle. Students will be monitored to spread out and assignments of playspace will rotate so that students get to enjoy all areas. The gaga pit is closed.



Walking around the building



- Staff and students 10 & up will wear masks or face shields and are encouraged for younger students.
- Stairways will be marked to be used by two vertical teams.
- Students are expected to socially distance and will be monitored.
- Our halls are spacious and will allow for two way traffic patterns.
- Water fountains are disabled. Students should bring a filled water bottle from home that is clearly labeled.



Restrooms



- Students will go one at a time from the classroom to restroom.
- Teachers will have protocols in place to keep children safe during classroom restroom breaks including not more than two at a time, ensuring proper hand washing, and monitoring for social distancing.



School Supplies and Standardized Dress The ACADEMY

- Students in both online and in-person classes will be encouraged to have basic school supplies inside a pencil box or zipper pouch.
 - Pencils
 - Crayons
 - Glue
 - Scissors
 - Paper
 - Markers
- For the 2020-2021 school year, all standardized dress requirements have been waived. Please follow the BISD School Dress Code.



Clubs and Grading Periods



• At this time, clubs are not an option, we will revisit this second semester (January 2021)

• Per TEA policy, any student at The Academy who chooses virtual learning will be committed to it for a full grading period. While the rest of BISD have 6 week grading periods, The Academy has 9 week grading periods.



Other Changes to Anticipate



- Volunteer hours: will be suspended for the first semester. We will revisit and make adjustments to required hours as needed prior to the start of the second semester.
- Due to field trip and safety restrictions, all overnight field trips will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.
- While our school and classrooms will look differently with social distancing measures in place, we are working fervently to preserve the brain based teaching model including vertical schedule, buddies, and engaging experiences.

Please know that COVID - 19 is a fluid situation and guidelines and procedures may change as the guidelines and requirements are updated. Our campus will be following all CDC and TEA guidelines. Those guidelines are attached here: **CDC Guidelines TEA Public Health Guidelines**

