



## Opening Schools FAQ

### Health and Safety

**1. What will be the nurse protocol when a student is sick?**

When a student feels ill, the nurse will evaluate the student based on symptoms. The nurse will determine if the symptoms warrant sending the child home from school. Please note, the nurse will use medical history to make a determination regarding the student's requirement to leave school.

**2. Will staff be trained on health and safety?**

Yes. All staff will be trained during in-service week.

**3. Will the State "shut down" schools for COVID-19?**

At this time, TEA has indicated that they will not require school districts to shut down for COVID-19.

In the case of a school closure, students will remain at home and will engage in learning activities through online courses. Students will be required to log onto all courses for attendance and submitting work.

**4. What will happen to those students who are exposed to someone with COVID-19?**

All possible safety measures will be implemented to limit the number of people each student is exposed to. In the case of an exposure, students will be sent home and additional deep cleaning will be completed. Parents will be notified of possible exposure within four hours of the school receiving notice. Students who test positive will not be permitted to attend school until released by a doctor.

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### **5. Will students be allowed to take their own hand sanitizer or will the school be providing them?**

Both. Parents may send hand sanitizer with their child if they choose. If parents send hand sanitizer, we recommend that you attach the hand sanitizer to a belt loop to prevent the child from going to their backpack or losing the hand sanitizer.

Additionally, the District has installed additional hand sanitizer throughout the campuses. Students will have access to hand sanitizer stations in each classroom, cafeterias, hallways, offices and throughout the campus.

### **6. Will there be a face mask policy in place?**

Yes. Face masks will be required (students and staff) in all common areas (hallways, offices, etc.) or when within six feet of another person.

Students will not be required to wear a mask in classrooms, if they are more than six foot apart from others. Teachers and staff will ensure that students are wearing masks at appropriate times.

If a student's health plan requires an adjustment to this requirement, please meet with your campus administrator. Additional considerations will be made based on a student's age and social distancing is maintained.

LCISD will provide each student with a washable mask. Parents are asked to ensure that children bring their mask to school each day.

### **7. How will restroom breaks be handled?**

For younger children, restrooms are located in the same classroom. These restrooms will be cleaned four times per day. For older children, restroom breaks will be scheduled. Students will have designated restrooms. Restrooms will be limited in access ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of current occupancy).

### **8. Will there be athletics? What about shower facilities?**

Yes. Middle and high school students will have athletics period. These periods will be shortened to allow time for showering and sanitizing. If athletes choose to shower, they may. All showers will be sanitized in between uses. For athletes who will not use the showers, parents are encouraged to send wipes with athletes to keep in their locker.

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**9. If students are doing face-to-face and become ill, will they be able to enroll in the online program?**

Yes. If a student has a doctor's note indicating the requirement for at-home instruction, they will be permitted to complete their work online. Students who switch to online due to illness will remain in online school for the remainder of that six weeks.

**10. How will the school handle students with pre-existing health conditions?**

The campus nurse, administrator and the parent will schedule a virtual meeting and review individual health plans for each student prior to the beginning of the school year.

**11. How are school buildings being cleaned/sanitized? Will the same method be used once the students are on campus? Is it safe for children?**

LCISD has established a cleaning schedule that will increase the number of times campuses will be cleaned. Additionally, the District has purchased additional foggers to be used daily in high traffic areas.

Lyford CISD has worked with local and state officials to develop protocols and procedures to provide a safe environment for students.

**12. What safety guidelines are in place for students?**

The District has established a variety of screenings for student safety. Daily temperature checks, health screeners and monitoring of all students and staff will happen upon entering the school facility. All persons entering a District facility will be required to complete a temperature check and health screenings. The District will restrict access to visitors to campuses. Additionally, the District will implement a "no delivery" policy at each campus.

In each classroom in which a six-foot separation will not be possible, students will have clear dividers placed between them.

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### **13. Will students and staff be required to take a COVID-19 test prior to returning?**

Based on consultation from local and state officials, schools may not require COVID-19 testing. For students or staff who test positive, a medical clearance from their doctor will be required to return to school.

### **14. Will the District provide masks or other safety items for students and staff?**

Yes. The District will have limited supplies of gloves, reusable and disposable masks available for students. All nurses will have access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for use in COVID-19 related cases. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Students should bring their own mask, if possible.

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## Enrollment

**1. Will all students need to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year?**

Yes. Please visit the District website to access the family packet (one per family) and the individual packet (one per student). If you need assistance completing the packets, please call (956) 347 – 3900.

**2. Will students be permitted to switch between online and face-to-face school?**

Yes. Parents may change between the two options each six weeks. Parents will be asked to complete a change request each six weeks (see deadlines on District website).

**3. Will students in Special Education and 504 receive accommodations?**

Yes. All accommodations will remain in effect. Campuses will schedule parent meetings at the beginning of the year to review accommodations and health plans to ensure all students receive assistance as outlined by each individual education plan.

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## Face-to-Face School

### **1. What is the classroom size/set up?**

All areas of each campus will be utilized to maximize distance between students (gyms, libraries, lounges, etc.). Every effort has been made to keep six feet of distance between students while in the classroom.

### **2. Is half day an option for students attending school?**

No. Students who attend school will be required to attend full day. Students who are enrolled in a CTE Practicum course will be permitted to attend their off-site assignment with parent permission.

### **3. How will the cafeteria be set up?**

Each cafeteria has been measured and will be set up with social distancing in mind. Students may be scheduled to eat in other areas (library, commons, classrooms, etc.) to ensure that there are 6 feet between students. All condiments will be single serve size. Students will not have access to the salad bar.

### **4. Will students be permitted to go to recess and PE?**

Students will be scheduled in small groups to recess and PE. Students will wash their hands before and after outside play.

### **5. Will students change classes?**

All efforts to reduce “traffic” between classes will be taken. Students in elementary will remain the same classroom (teachers will move). LES hallways will be one-way traffic to reduce the likelihood of contact within 6 feet. At the secondary level, students will move between classes using a staggered schedule and will have “one way” hallways to reduce interaction between students.

### **6. Is face-to-face school just like “regular school”?**

To the best of our ability, we will provide students a “regular” school experience while implementing safety procedures.

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## “Bulldog Connect” School (Online School)

### **1. What will the schedule for online school look like?**

The online school schedule will look similar to a traditional school day. Students will have a schedule of courses and will be required to log on at designated times. Schedules will be sent to parents prior to the first day of school.

### **2. Will students receive breakfast and lunch while they are at-home?**

Currently, the District has received notice that we will be permitted to provide breakfast and lunch to students who are at-home. Although, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has not provided details of how this will be done, we will update parents as soon as information is made available.

### **3. What type of work will be sent in?**

All work will be online. Students will be required to “attend” courses utilizing Zoom. All work will be submitted through SeeSaw and Google Classroom. Please note: Paper packets will not be available. If you need assistance obtaining internet access, please contact your child’s campus.

### **4. Will online learning be all day? Will students have access to their teachers?**

The online class times will be determined by the grade level enrolled. Students will be required to log in for all designated classes. All coursework will be submitted through SeeSaw or Google Classroom.

Teachers will teach live lessons each day to ensure students have access to their teachers.

### **5. What are the District’s plans for online school work?**

Students will be given a schedule for courses and will “attend” school similar to the schedule they would utilize if they were on campus. Students will be required to submit all work through SeeSaw and Google Classroom.

### **6. Will courses be offered only during the day? Will there be an opportunity to complete work in the evening?**

Courses will be online during the day. However, students will be able to submit coursework through SeeSaw and Google Classroom within the timeframe established by each teacher (similar to homework). Teachers will establish due dates and post for parents and students.

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**7. Are parents required to attend online classes with their children?**

No. Parents should ensure their child understands how to log onto their courses, however they do not need to be present during class time. Parents are asked to ensure their child has a quiet area designated for school attendance. (Please note, supervision of children who are at-home is not the responsibility of the teachers or staff.)

**8. When will parents receive all information for online learning?**

Parents will receive a coordination call during the weeks of August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, each campus will hold virtual parent meetings and student orientation during this time.

**9. Will the school provide internet service?**

Lyford CISD has established a program to assist qualifying families with internet services for students who are attending online courses. For details regarding qualifications and requesting access, please contact Laura Juarez at (956) 347 – 3900.

**10. If we choose the online option, will students have access to the teacher?  
Will there be live lessons?**

Yes. Each class will have a live teacher assigned to ensure students are receiving instruction.

**11. Does my child have to be “at-home” during online instruction?**

Each student who is enrolling in online courses will be required to log in at designated times to be counted as present. Students may log in from any location as long as they are actively engaged in the lessons.

**12. Does my child have to live in Lyford CISD to take online classes?**

No. Children who meet Texas eligibility for enrollment may complete a transfer application and attend online classes after enrolling.

**13. Will there be online classes for Pk3 and Pk4?**

Yes. All students who are enrolled in Lyford CISD will have access to online content.



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**14. Will my child still be able to take dual enrollment courses?**

We are working with UT OnRamps to make arrangements for online learning. We will notify parents with updates as they become available.

**15. Will my child be on the computer from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM?**

No. Students will be required to log on at designated times to live courses. Students will be assigned independent work (similar to in-class work) and will have breaks and lunch time during the “school day”.

**16. Will my child have access to on-campus resources (nurse, library, cafeteria, etc.)?**

Students enrolled in Bulldog Connect will have access to an online library. Meals will be provided as approved by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Students should refrain from coming to campus. If a need arises to report to campus, please contact your campus administrator to make arrangements.

**17. Will I need to buy additional software for my child?**

No. All software/apps will be provided through the “locker” app on the iPads. High School students will utilize web-based apps.

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## Other Questions:

### **1. Will extra-curricular activities be offered?**

All UIL activities will be scheduled in alignment with any guidance from UIL and TEA. Due to the on-going nature of this situation, modification of travel arrangements and student attendance at away games may be impacted. At this time, if students are not attending school face-to-face they will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular events.

### **2. How will students be seated on buses?**

Students will have assigned seats on buses. In an effort to reduce contact with others, the bus will be filled from the back to the front. Students will be assigned seats with others who live in the same household to the extent possible.

### **3. How will I know if my child is passing?**

For end of the year passing status, please call your child's campus. For grades and progress reports, throughout the school year, parents will be mailed a progress report each three weeks and a report card each six weeks. Parent Portal will be open after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school.

### **4. Will grading be different for face-to-face and online courses?**

No. The campuses will resume the LCISD grading guidelines as posted on the website. All students will be held accountable for the submission of the same assignments whether face-to-face or online.

### **5. Will students continue to use their devices that were issued? Will there be insurance fees?**

All students will continue to use their devices whether attending face-to-face or online courses. Pk3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have iPads. 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have their MacBook. Insurance fees for 2020-2021 have been waived. Pick up dates for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, PK and students new to the District have been posted on the District website.

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**6. If students need technical assistance or are “locked out” of their device, who can assist with this?**

Throughout the school year, the campus librarian or technician are available to assist students who are experiencing technical difficulties. Please call your child’s campus for assistance.

**7. Is it too soon for school to open?**

Lyford CISD is following local, state and federal guidelines for reopening schools. It is important for each family to consider what is best for their children and make individual decisions. Lyford CISD is committed to ensuring that we support the decisions of each parent whether it is to send their child to face-to-face school or online school.

**8. When will school start? Are there make up days for closing?**

School will start for students on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Each family was mailed an updated school calendar with a make-up day schedule attached. The make-up days will only be used if the District cancels instruction.

**9. Will there be a “Meet the Teacher” event?**

All secondary “Meet the Teacher” sessions will take place virtually. For elementary students, the campus will host a combination of virtual and face-to-face meetings (by appointment). We will send updated information soon.

**10. What grade levels will have a choice of online or face-to-face instruction?**

All grade levels from Pk3 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have the option of choosing online or face-to-face school. This selection will take place each six weeks.

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### **11. When will we register for school?**

Registration is available online throughout the month of July. Please visit our website to access the links (top right selection on the toolbar of the District Website). There are two documents that must be completed. *Document 1: Family Packet* – each family will complete one of these packets for the family. *Document 2: Individual Packet* – this will require one per student. These forms must be completed using a computer, smart phone or iPad (Please use your child's device, if needed). For families who need assistance with online registration, please call (956) 347 – 3900 to receive assistance over the phone or to schedule an appointment for face-to-face registration.

### **12. If my child changes his/her mind on class selections, will schedule changes be allowed?**

Yes. Limited schedule changes will be made based on need and graduation plans. We ask parents to contact Lyford Middle School or Lyford High School with schedule change requests prior to the first day of school. Students will not be permitted to change their schedule after the first week of school.

### **13. If students are behind in credits, will they be given the opportunity to complete these classes?**

Yes. Please contact your child's campus to obtain information regarding credit recovery.

### **14. Can students take additional credits and qualify to graduate early?**

Yes. Procedures for requesting early graduation will remain the same. If you would like to request an early graduation option for your child, please contact the high school counseling department.

### **15. Will the District offer a hybrid option for instruction?**

No. The District will only offer two options: Face-to-face or online.

### **16. Has the District considered limiting the number of fans at athletic events?**

Yes. Lyford CISD has contracted with Rio Sports Live to broadcast high school home games. Please note, due to possible scheduling conflicts, not all games are guaranteed to be broadcasted.

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**17. Will safety protocols be in place for athletics/games/practices?**

Yes. Students and staff will continue safety protocols similar to those implemented during strength and conditioning.

**18. Can parents choose face-to-face or online for each individual child from the same household or does everyone from the same household have to choose one learning option?**

Parents may choose face-to-face or online learning for each child. Please be sure to submit your request each six weeks.

**19. How often can parents choose online or face-to-face settings?**

Parents will be given the option to choose the setting for their child each six weeks. Please see the mail out sent home July 1<sup>st</sup> for the deadlines to select face-to-face or online instruction. If you have questions or need assistance, please call your child's campus.

**20. Will there be a STAAR test? Will my child be able to test from home?**

Yes, there will be STAAR testing. All students will be required to report to school at their designated time to take the STAAR test. The updated statewide testing calendar allows for a two-week window for testing. Students will be given a schedule and will be required to report to campus on any testing date.

**21. What about college assessments (TSI, ACT/SAT, ASVAB, AP)?**

Lyford High School has established a process for testing TSI at-home. Information is forthcoming. ACT, SAT and ASVAB are currently only available on campus. A schedule will be sent to parents in the Fall.

In the Spring of 2020, the College Board allowed students to test AP at-home. No information has been released regarding this allowance for the Spring 2021.

**22. Will I be required to send school supplies if my child is attending face-to-face school?**

No. The District will provide school supplies for use at school. We request that parents keep all other school supplies at-home to alleviate sharing of supplies. If your child is taking online courses, please see the recommended at-home supply list sent July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**23. Will my child be required to wear the school uniform for face-to-face and online classes?**

A modified uniform has been approved for use during the 2020-2021 school year. Students attending face-to-face classes at LES or LMS will be permitted to wear uniform bottoms or jeans with a uniform top or spirit shirt. Please see the July 1<sup>st</sup> mailout for more information.

Students attending online classes must be dressed appropriately during class time. For details, please see the LCISD Student Handbook.

**24. Will there be transportation available for students who are attending face-to-face classes?**

Yes. Bus routes and times will be updated after each six weeks to accommodate students who switch between face-to-face and Bulldog Connect.

**25. Are the attendance rules different?**

No. Students will be required to attend classes each day at the designated time. All rules regarding truancy are still applicable.

**26. Will Seniors be allowed to take a Practicum course?**

Yes. LHS continues to work with community and district partners to offer this option to Seniors.

**27. Will all courses count for GPA?**

Yes. Please see the Student Handbook/Policy EIC for additional details.

**28. Are immunizations still required?**

Yes. At this time the Texas Department of State Health Services has not waived the vaccine requirements.

**29. Who should I speak with about a learning disability or concern?**

Please contact Laura Juarez at (956) 347 – 3900.

**30. Will after school program (ACE) still be available?**

Yes. For students who are attending face-to-face school, they may stay for ACE. At this time, TEA has not provided guidance for ACE activities.