

FAQ FROM THE BOARD MEETING

- **Will afterschool be provided?**

F.A.C.E.S. will be providing after school care with safety protocols in place (according to TEA guidelines) for those students who choose to attend in person beginning on September 28th.

- **How will the little ones get supplies to school? (because no backpacks)**

We are planning to have outdoor "Meet the Teacher" for each elementary campus where cleaning supplies can be dropped off. Other supplies will be at home and can come in a disposable bag with the student when we return to school.

- **Will there be desk shields?**

Desks will be spread out and protective dividers will be used on tables or when desks cannot be adequately spaced out. We are working diligently to make classrooms ready according to the most up to date health protocols - including hand sanitizer stands and stations.

- **No backpacks even for high school?**

There will be no backpacks for K-6th grade only. Middle School and High School can carry backpacks.

- **How are they supposed to not bring a backpack?**

Supplies will be at school in each student's designated tub. Lunches will be in disposable sacks that must be thrown away after lunch. Reusable lunch containers will not be allowed.

- **Will lunch boxes and backpacks be allowed?**

No lunch boxes will be allowed - only disposable lunch sacks are permitted. Backpacks will not be allowed in grades K-6th grade. Middle School and High School may carry backpacks.

- **How will you ensure parents have done temperature and symptom checks prior to coming to school?**

Realistically, we cannot ensure that parents do temperature checks on their children. We must trust that they will follow through on the request made by the school. We can, however, follow up with temperature "spot checks" throughout the day for students who are in attendance at school.

- **Will the covering include face shields for children with underlying conditions?**

Face coverings must be worn in the building by persons 3rd grade and up. Face coverings are defined as masks or shields. Parents of students who fall within the specified grade range where a face covering is required may choose which type of face covering best suits the needs of their student(s).

- **Will children in the specialized programs be able to keep their same teachers by any chance? I know it said up above they may not have the same teacher if they switch to in person learning.**

We will do our best to keep students with the same teachers. Class size and student limits may dictate otherwise. Also, one teacher on the team may do videos for ELA and one for Math, etc. and so K-3 may be receiving instruction from a teacher other than their homeroom teacher.

- **How will the minutes of online instruction be monitored?**

The number of minutes is provided as a guideline in order to give parents the expectation of how long students should work each day.

- **What about the yearly school fees? They were \$80 last year, is it the same this year plus the \$20 for the tablet or additional?**

The STEM/Fine Arts has been reduced to \$40 this year. Also, If you choose to participate in the optional Technology protection plan (\$50 for Chromebooks/\$20 for Fire tablets), any breakage or loss during the school year would be covered with no additional cost to the student/parent. If you choose not to participate in the optional Technology Protection Plan, the student/parent is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement of the device (\$239 replacement cost Chromebook/\$50 replacement cost Fire tablet) should it become damaged or broken.

- **Do we buy supplies listed online if planning to distance learn?**

Students will still need notebooks, writing utensils, colors, glue, scissors if working from home. The cleaning supplies and ream of copy paper would not be necessary for the start of school on August 31st or if a student continues with distance learning beyond September 28th when onsite, learning begins for those who choose in-person instruction. Students who choose to return for in-person instruction on September 28th, supplies can be brought to school in a disposable bag with the student when we return to school.

- **The other question I have is if the teachers will wear a name badge with a picture or if they will wear a uniform?**

Teachers will be issued name badges with pictures and will be encouraged to wear them. There will be no teacher uniform required, however scrubs will be an option for teachers to wear should they choose to do so.

- **I am concerned about security if all the adults are wearing masks and there are multiple entry points.**

All doors except one front door will be locked at all times. Camera's have been installed in the halls and will be monitored throughout the day.

- **What are the courses that cannot be provided in the online format?**

Choir, Anatomy and Physiology, Graphic Design III and IV

- **When do we pick up the tablet and pay the fees?**

Campus Principals will send out campus and grade level specific information concerning school supplies and device pickup.

- **If we purchased the school supplies from the PTO supply pack and it said it would be delivered to school, but we chose distance learning will we be able to pick those up?**

Supply packs will be handed out along with curriculum consumables when we distribute devices to students.

- **How do the kids participate in PE and other fine arts from distance learning?**

They will have assignments from those classes on SeeSaw (Kindergarten to 2nd grade) or Google Classroom (3rd grade and up). The Texas Education Agency requires that all TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) must be taught even during distance learning. They will not be optional for elementary like they were in the Spring.

- *For elementary school: Homerooms will have a different fine art each six weeks. This will help reduce the workload and confusion of which fine art falls on which day as well as allowing Fine Art teachers to interact with fewer students in person.*

- **So, High School students with underlying health conditions, who are choosing online learning to minimize exposure are being omitted from choir, theater, and sports?**

In order to protect students with underlying health issues we do not feel it is safe to have them come on campus and participate in activities where they could become infected.

- **How do you purchase supplies for the PTO supply pack?**

Unfortunately, the deadline has passed this year.

- **Will the parents be sent a copy of these policies?**

A copy of the High Point Academy Healthy Start Plan is posted to our website.

- **For the parents that work full time, what is the cut off time for their class work to be turned in? And what will happen if the kids are unable to attend the instructional zoom class meetings?**

Students will have until 11:59 pm to turn in their daily work. If a student is unable to attend a zoom meeting, communicate with the teachers. Most of the teachers will have alternative times and/or ways to receive the lesson.

- **Will the students with a 504 Plan be allowed to attend in-school and not distance learning?**

All students will have the choice to attend in person or continue with distance learning beginning on September 28, 2020 which is the first day for onsite instruction.

- **Is the new property near the existing for parents with multiple kids?**

Yes, the campuses are within 7 minutes of each other.

- **Where is this property located?**

The new campus is in White Settlement.

- **Will we do fundraisers so the kids have a playground? Does it have an existing playground?**

This is a great idea and one of the many reasons why we love our HPA parents! Currently there is no playground at the new location, so a fundraiser would be fabulous. In fact, we should raise funds for 2 playgrounds - one for each elementary campus since our Crowley Road campus does not have a playground either.

- **How will the kids participate in specials this coming school year - will they have their own dance, art, etc. teachers?**

Students will have dance, PE, and specials. We have scheduled classes so the teachers are able to travel to both sites.

- **How will the Elementary admin work with two different campuses?**

They are AMAZING and have a plan! Both campuses will be covered at all times!

- **Who will be moving to start with?**

Kindergarten and 1st grade will be moving to the new location. Once the modulars are in place, 2nd through 6th grade will move as well.