

## **TENTATIVE Cypress School District #64**

### **2021-2022 Back to School Plan**

School will be open for In-Person learning. Remote learning will not be an option unless the student meets specific requirements established by ISBE and IDPH or if the student is eligible for remote learning accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Contact school administration for further information.

- School will be in session: 8am -3pm
- The CDC/IDPH/ISBE recommend masks be worn by those who are unvaccinated. They also recognize local control during Phase 5 as stated:  
"Together with local public health officials, school administrators should consider multiple factors when they make decisions about implementing layered prevention strategies against COVID-19. Since schools typically serve their surrounding communities, decisions should be based on the school population, families, and students served, as well as their communities".

Based on the current conditions in our towns and counties, Cypress School District will return to school with a **mask optional policy**. **We will continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and adjust accordingly if needed. Everyone should be prepared to wear masks if our local metrics warrant that need.**

- The district will be prepared to adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary throughout the year. The district will closely monitor COVID 19 cases in the school, county, and surrounding area. If community spread becomes an issue, the district will adjust educational and athletic programming as necessary.
- **All passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses.** A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.
- ANY student who is on remote must have a medical doctor's excuse. Remote learning will be only temporarily available if a student is under quarantine and not eligible for a vaccine.
- Parents should keep their children home from school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms.
- Good hand hygiene will be strongly encouraged at all grade levels.

- Social distancing will be maintained in all school areas to the greatest extent feasible.
- The school building will continue to undergo increased cleaning/sanitation. Proper cleaning/disinfection practices will continue to be utilized by the custodial and transportation staff, focusing on “high touch” surfaces. HVAC air filtration will be monitored, with filters replaced as needed.
- Student meals will be free for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with USDA reimbursements.
- Hands-free water fountains are available throughout the building and will be utilized to reduce contact with “high touch” surfaces. Students will be allowed to bring a water bottle to school.
- Students will be issued individual devices (Chromebooks or iPads). Some students in younger grades will keep the device at school unless quarantined or given permission by his/her classroom teacher.
- Athletic programs will run as normal with admission charged at indoor, home sporting events.
- Field trips and fundraisers will resume as normal.
- Students or Staff diagnosed with COVID-19, with COVID-19 symptoms or who have had close contact with a person infected with COVID-19 must quarantine in accordance with CDC and IDPH guidelines.