

De Leon Independent School District
Safe Start Plan
(REVISED 6/21/21)
2021-22

De Leon ISD is committed to delivering Optimum Instructional Experiences for every student. We will strive to ensure that our learning environment is educationally challenging while following all health and safety protocols in our facilities. Last summer, we met with the Safe Start Committee, teacher representatives and the administrative team and identified focus areas. We used these as a guide as we continued our **Quest for Excellence** in DISD. It was a difficult time; however, our students and staff did an excellent job as they worked together to ensure that DISD was a “learning place” throughout the 2020-21 School Year and we are looking forward to the 2021-22 School Year.

The District will offer a traditional, face-to-face instructional model and would only revert to last year’s plan where we offered two modes of instruction (traditional, face-to-face instruction with safe guards and an Asynchronous Remote Plan for delivering instruction) only in case of another crisis. We will continue to follow the guidance of the Governor, the Texas Education Agency and the Comanche County Court.

Instructional Continuity

De Leon ISD is committed to providing an optimum learning environment for all students. Our district will continue to ensure our students have the opportunity to use technology and teacher expertise to challenge them to be independent thinkers and prepare them to be life-long learners. We will:

- Develop learning relationships between teachers and students
- Use an appropriate Learning Management System (LMS) based on TEKS Resources, TEA Texas Home Learning, and identified best practices using Google Classroom
- Monitor student progress and provide feedback

Students will:

- Attend face-to-face instruction
- Engage daily in learning activities by submitting their own original work
- Follow District guidelines when using technology

- Follow the DISD Student Code of Conduct

Parents and Guardians will:

- Send students to school for face-to-face instruction.
- Ensure their student engages **daily**, completes assignments and monitors progress
- Communicate with campus staff to support student engagement and progress
- Be familiar with expectations

DISD will:

- Build a community of learners through face-to-face instruction,
- Develop a rich learning experience aligned with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
- Assess student work and Provide Feedback
- When possible and appropriate, provide dedicated technology devices for individual student use

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety of students and staff is one of DISD's foremost priorities.

The District is committed to working with the local health department, the District SHAC Committee, and the Safe Start Committee to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment through:

- Sanitation—provide supplies such as hand sanitizers, UV lights, Foggers, water fountains retrofitted for bottle fill, thermometers for each campus, continue to employ two additional custodians
- Sanitizing Protocols—cleaning and disinfecting are part of the everyday approach to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. DISD will institute a rigorous schedule for cleaning and disinfecting in order to sanitize and keep germs on surfaces at a safe level.
- Hygiene & Personal Protective Equipment—Plexiglass has been installed in high traffic areas; teachers and staff will be encouraged to wash hands at least 20 seconds at least two times each day as well as after restroom visits and before eating. Hand sanitizers will be available at each entrance.
- Response Protocol—Parents/guardians should perform a health screen prior to allowing their child to enter the school building, and Teachers and Staff should self-screen before entering each day. If a person has been diagnosed with a contagious disease, shows

symptoms such as feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than 100.0 has lost taste or smell, has a cough, or difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, headache, chills, sore throat, shaking or shivering, significant muscle pain, diarrhea, etc., the student should opt to receive asynchronous at home instruction and the teacher/staff member should self-quarantine until all three of the following conditions for re-entry are met:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least three days (72 hours) have passed with no fever above 100
- There is improvement in symptoms

If a student becomes ill at school:

1. The Student will be quarantined in the nurse's area and not allowed to come in close contact with others
2. Parent/guardian will be asked to come to school and take the child home
3. Additional sanitation of the areas used by the student will be implemented

If a student/staff tests positive for COVID-19:

1. The District will contact persons who may have been exposed
2. The District will contact the Health Department
3. Deep cleaning and sanitations will be applied to all exposed areas.

- Visitors—Visitors will be limited to parent meeting/conferences and special events. Again this year, we are asking that regular meal times will be restricted to students and staff only.

Teachers and Staff Support

De Leon ISD realizes that the health and safety of the DISD staff ensures that our students will learn and have the best educational experience possible. We believe DISD is a great learning community and is truly **The School of Choice** for this area of Texas; therefore, we intend to support our staff by maintaining safety and security throughout the work environment as we serve our students.

Return to work:

- All employees will return to work according to the [district calendar for 2021-22](#).

- All employees will self-screen each day and follow Health Guidelines as outlined previously
- An employee with concerns should inform their supervisor and ask for guidance.
- Absences and leaves are addressed in the [Employee Handbook](#)
- Contracts and work calendars will be included in the Back-to-School Packet along with Professional Training schedules

Operational Guidelines

De Leon ISD understands effective and efficient structures are critical to ensure success in the day-to-day operations of a school.

- [School Calendar](#) is posted on the District Website and included in each employee packet
- Attendance—The 90% rule will remain (students must be in attendance in order to receive credit).
- Extracurricular Eligibility—UIL eligibility is based upon students passing each class each grading period. Students can regain eligibility halfway through the following period if passing all courses. For the 2021-22 school year.
- Facilities—Facilities may be used by outside entities though application and adherence to Facility Use Guidelines.
 - Child Nutrition--The Child Nutrition Department is committed to ensuring students receive healthy, nutritious meals each school day.
 - Food Service personnel will be trained in Safety Protocols
 - Hand sanitizers will be provided at Cafeteria entry
 - Microwave oven use will NOT be allowed
 - No parents/visitors will be allowed during regular meals
- [Transportation](#)—Buses will run their regular schedules with the exception of the in-town route which will have to be limited (An application for access to the in-town route must be filed at Central Office and we will consider the special circumstances of each potential rider before approval for this route. We will strive to serve students whose parents have a special need or if there is a safety issue.) to avoid overcrowding. Parents are encouraged to provide transportation when possible to avoid crowding.

- Bus Drivers will be trained in Safety Protocols
- Windows will remain open when possible
- Hand Sanitizers will be provided for students as they enter
- Buses will be sanitized after each route

Resolution of the Board Regarding Local Remote Learning Program

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code 29.9091, a district may operate a local remote learning program in accordance with the statutory requirements;

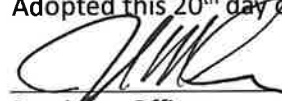
WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code 25.9091(c), a district offering a local remote learning program may provide a virtual course through remote synchronous instruction, asynchronous instruction, or a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction, and proposed amendments to the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* provide that a board-approved local policy determines which instructional methods and attendance-taking methods the district will use; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of De Leon School District through this resolution, which has the effect of board-adopted policy, approves the following provisions:

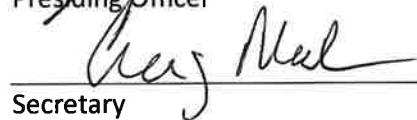
- The Board authorizes the District to operate a local remote learning program as permitted by law and employ the following instructional and attendance-taking methods in providing its remote learning program:
 - Remote asynchronous instruction, with attendance determined through a daily attendance/contact.

The authority granted by this resolution shall apply for the 2021–22 school year, unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2021, by the Board of Trustees.



Presiding Officer



Secretary