



## **Community Conversation with Superintendent Snell 6.25.20**

### **Community FAQ's**

#### **Safety:**

##### **Will you hire bathroom monitors? Constantly cleaning?**

Bathrooms will be cleaned on a regular basis and likely some urinals may be closed to create social distancing. They will be monitored hourly to ensure sanitizing materials are available.

##### **Will students be allowed to eat in the cafeteria, play during recess/play structure or have limited interaction in the classroom with peers (group work, circle time)?**

Limited interaction within 3-6 feet will be in effect. We are still finalizing our plans for lunches and recess.

##### **Do we know how many active cases we have in Liberty Hill right now (6.29.20)?** 25

##### **Do we know if masks will be required? If so what about kids with asthma who would be harmed by wearing a mask?**

At this point in time, masks will not be required for students but made available. We are considering requiring mask if social distancing cannot be maintained.

##### **Will we be in control of deciding if our kids stay home when sick vs the campus nurse?**

You will be required to keep your child home if they have a fever of 100.4 or greater. The campus nurse can send a student home who has a fever.

##### **Will visitors and parents be allowed on campus?**

Early this school year we are considering limited visitation for parents. This is mainly referring to classroom activities and lunch. Parent groups and volunteers may be allowed in small groups especially after school.

##### **Is there a plan for athletic programs to continue?**

The UIL has not stated any plans to cancel UIL activities at this point in time.

##### **If we chose at home learning what does that do to sports?**

If you are enrolled in the school, you may participate in sports as long as you meet the guidelines for participation in that sport.

##### **If students go back in person, what is the max number of students per classroom?**

This has not been fully determined yet. We are receiving recommendations and will be making this decision in late July.

### **If online learning students want to follow social distancing guidelines in athletics is that possible?**

It depends on the sport. Contact sports are impossible to have social distancing. Other sports like Tennis, it is easier to accomplish.

### **Will homeschool children be allowed to participate in campus sports?**

If you are enrolled in the school, you may participate in sports if you meet the guidelines for participation in that sport.

## **Instructional Services:**

### **Would remote learning be instructed all day by teachers so kids attend their classes just like they would if they were there in person?**

We are creating course schedules that meet student needs and account for teachers conducting class either with in-person learning or virtual learning. We anticipate in-person learning and virtual learning class schedules to look similar.

### **Would it be possible to reduce the number of courses students take in high school?**

It is difficult for students to stay on track remotely. Could we go to block, 4 courses in Fall, 4 in Spring? No, not at this time.

### **Would kids stay with the same teacher all day?**

I want to protect my kids, so they need to wear a mask. It depends on the class/grade level as some courses require specialized teachers. Health and safety protocols will apply should students need to change classes. Additionally, we adhere to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and government agencies to provide guidance about the safety of facilities and implementing safety measures.

### **Will the teachers actually teaching full school days this year unlike the end of last year when it was on the parents to teach the students?**

We are creating schedules that meet student needs and account for teachers conducting class either with in-person learning or virtual learning.

### **I am also wondering about electives with at home learning - things like music, theater, sports, etc.?**

We will follow UIL's guidance on if any fine arts activities will occur. At this time, UIL is allowing limited marching band participation, if the required health and safety protocols are followed.

### **What is the hybrid method?**

The hybrid learning model will provide flexibility for students to continue to receive quality instruction aligned to Panther Curriculum regardless of their learning environment. Students will be able to engage in learning through the traditional model in the school buildings and classrooms, as well as virtually through online learning platforms, and at times a combination of the two models. Teachers and students will continue to work together as we are flexible within our learning this next year to support the needs of students and families.

### **How will this impact attendance policies?**

If a student is sick and self-quarantined but doesn't have a positive COVID test will it penalize them? Students are required to attend at least 90% of their classes to receive credit and be promoted. Remote attendance will count in the same manner as on-campus attendance in satisfying this requirement.

#### **How will accommodations be met for special education students learning remote?**

We will ensure students served by special education have access to the same or equitable learning platform as their peers. In many cases, instructional accommodations may be met in a virtual environment by providing additional supports.

#### **Will families need to choose to send all or none?**

As families consider sending their children to school, student needs may influence the instructional setting decisions i.e. in-person or virtual.

### **Staff Questions:**

#### **Will teachers have an option to teach remotely?**

There will be an application and selection process for the teachers that will teach remotely.

#### **Will teachers be required to teach in the classroom and virtually?**

The plan will be for teachers to either teach in the classroom or virtually. The virtual teachers may actually have students in their classroom. However, the principals have been challenged to create master schedules that would not require teachers to have to teach face to face and then have to create online lessons if at all possible.