



NWH Return to Learn Plan

The purpose of this plan is to develop safety procedures that will be taught, practiced and enforced consistently to ensure the safety of the students and staff at Northwest Heights Elementary School. We ask that parents read and discuss these procedures with your children prior to the first day of school. Please know we will be teaching and practicing these procedures until they become routine at school.

Arrival/Breakfast

Doors will open at 7:25 a.m.

Supervised Entrances:

- Door 1
- Door 4- Kinder ONLY
- Front Doors-Bus Riders ONLY
- Back Loop

***The only students allowed to enter the building prior to 7:25 are those riding the bus. No others are to be on campus until 7:25. Students who ride the bus will enter the front doors, sit (spaced out) in a designated location until 7:25. Assistants will supervise by assigned zones until teacher arrival.

Staggered arrival times for Car Riders:

- Breakfast Eaters may arrive at 7:25-7:45 as breakfast will only be served during this time period.

Upon their 7:25 arrival, breakfast eaters may enter the building, grab a breakfast bag from a cart (1st through 3rd) and proceed directly to their classroom where they will sit (spaced out) in the hall until teacher arrival. They will utilize sanitizer as they enter the classroom.

- Non Breakfast Eaters should not arrive until 7:45-8:00
- Breakfast will be served from 7:25-7:45
- Breakfast Clean Up from 8:00-8:10

***Visitors will not be allowed to enter the building and walk students to class due to the safety of our students and staff during the pandemic.

Dismissal	<p>NWH plans to utilize a staggered dismissal.</p> <p><u>RED Dismissal – Singletons Only</u></p> <p>Students who are “Singletons” or the only children at NWH will be dismissed at 2:30 and 2:50 and parents will receive RED car tags with student’s name for identification. Parents are asked to display this tag on their car mirror as identification for this dismissal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K singleton students will be dismissed at 2:30 from Door 4 and Door 5 • 1st grade singleton students will be dismissed at 2:50 from the east side of the building. • 2nd and 3rd grade singleton students will be dismissed at 2:50 on the Back Loop <p><u>BLUE Dismissal will occur at 3:10.</u> Teachers and students will practice social distancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K students will be dismissed from Door 4 and Door 5 • 1st grade students will be dismissed from the east side of the building • <u>2nd and 3rd grade students with younger siblings will be dismissed on the east side of the building</u> <p>Parents will receive BLUE car tags with their student’s name for identification.</p> <p>In order to expedite dismissal processes, we ask that parents PLEASE comply with the time schedule above. If you are a “BLUE” dismissal family and are parked in the car pick up areas during the “RED” dismissal time - you will be asked to move your vehicle.</p> <p>*** It will be imperative that parents practice social distancing during dismissals/pick-ups. It is recommended that ALL parents pick-up via the car rider line.</p>
Classrooms	<p>In compliance with the DISD Return Plan, teachers will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize classroom space (social distancing when possible) • One direction seating is IDEAL • Establish time to teach about hygiene and social distancing • Prioritize standards • Follow the pacing guide • Limit student interaction with materials that move through lots of hands (e.g. manipulatives, pencils, etc.) • Have access to cleaning supplies • Center time should begin and end with hand sanitation and last <u>no more than 15 minutes</u> • Seating charts will be maintained and updated by teachers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each grade level, 1-3, will have a designated restroom, as well as scheduled restroom breaks that will be determined by grade level teams. Kindergarten will utilize their classroom restrooms. • NWH facilities will be cleaned and sanitized, daily, after staff have exited the building. <p>*When possible, twins and siblings in the same grade level should be placed in the same homeroom due to Covid contact tracing.</p>
Transitions	Students will walk in lines, spaced apart, and will stay to the right of the blue line when traveling through the building.
Lunches	<p>Hands will be washed/sanitized prior to lunch and assigned staggered seating will be utilized.</p> <p><u>Staggered lunch</u> K Group B-10:35-10:55 K Group A-10:55-11:15</p> <p>1st Group B-11:20-11:40 1st Group A-11:40-12:00</p> <p>2nd 12:25-12:45 (Group A classroom, Group B cafeteria, rotate weekly)</p> <p>3rd 12:05-12:25 (Group A classroom, Group B cafeteria, rotate weekly)</p>
Recess	<p>NWH will utilize staggered recesses with assigned playground zones (color coded). Students will rotate zones daily. All students will also participate in a 20-minute lunch recess daily. Hands will be sanitized following each recess.</p> <p>Zone 1- K playground Zone 2-Turf and Track Zone 3- Basketball/4-square courts Zone 4-Jungle Gym Zone 5- Large Playground Zone 6-Big Field Zone 7- Swings/Monkey Bars/Parallel Bars</p> <p><u>Morning recess for Kinder and 1st (split into 2 groups)</u> K Group A-9:15-9:30 K Group B-9:35-9:50</p>

	<p>1st Group 1-10:00-10:15 1st Group 2-10:20-10:35</p> <p>*Brain Breaks will be built into the daily schedule for second grade students in the afternoon and third grade students in the morning.</p>
Field Trips	To limit unnecessary exposure, no off campus field trips will be taken while the threat of COVID-19 is predominant in our community and the surrounding area. Teachers will be encouraged to utilize technology to go on “virtual” field trips and use their own creativity to provide other engaging educational experiences for students.
Deliveries	To help minimize the amount of people who will be in the front office area, Northwest Heights will not accept deliveries of any kind from outside of the school to NWH students. If an extenuating circumstance warrants the delivery of an item to a student, parents must call the front office to make a request. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
Snacks	Classroom snacks are acceptable as long as they are pre-packaged and individually wrapped. <u>No homemade food items.</u>
Reading Assistance Program, ELL	Small groups and social distancing should be maintained NO Whole Group Activities
Extracurricular	NWH: Specialized teachers will move room to room instead of students traveling; with the exception of PE and Computers which will be disinfected between each class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music, Enrichment, and Library will be held in grade level classrooms • PE will utilize the entire gym (divided by half court line) and the music room when necessary.
Visitors	Parents will not be escorting students into the building. Essential visitors only are allowed inside. These are persons who are considered essential to the running of the school.
Masks	As of the writing of this document, face masks for elementary students remain optional. It is <u>recommended</u> each student has a face mask available at school at all times to use if necessary, which will be the responsibility of the parent to provide.

	<p>If the state at any point mandates face masks in public, our schools will promote and reinforce the use of face coverings for all students.</p>
<p>Covid Related Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to frequently changing information and requirements, please refer to the District P.L.A.N. for procedures on how we will handle students who display Covid-19 symptoms. Our District P.L.A.N. may be found at: https://sites.google.com/durantisd.org/oneplan • <u><i>Students returning with Covid testing results should enter through the front entrance and report to the main office to be cleared by the school nurse.</i></u> • As always, be sure to call the school to report your child's absence. • For more information, visit the following website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus <p>QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PLAN If you have questions relating to our COVID reopening plan, the COVID contact for Durant Schools is Delinda Knox who may be reached at 916-7473 or safeschools@durantisd.org.</p> <p>COVID CASE QUESTIONS All questions about COVID cases or possible COVID cases should go to our School Nurse, Cindy Jones. Nurse Cindy may be reached at 924-5595 or cindy.jones@durantisd.org.</p>