



Auxier Elementary School

Inspiring the Leader Within

September 8, 2020

Dear Auxier Aviators & Families,

We hope that you are as excited as we are to welcome students back to campus next week. On **September 14th**, we will begin the transition to in-person learning with grades **Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & Specialized** classrooms. The following week, **September 21st**, we will complete the transition with grades **3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th**.

Students & families returning to campus can expect some changes in our campus protocols & procedures. Please take a moment to read through the **Auxier Elementary Safety Protocols & Procedures for Reopening** document. During Fall conferences, you will have the opportunity to see the new protocols & receive additional information from your child's teacher.

Our staff is looking forward to welcoming our Aviators back to Auxier! With your partnership, I know we will be able to work together to make this a positive return to school & keep our school community safe.

Take Care,

J. Williams

Mrs. Williams, Principal

Auxier Elementary

Safety Protocols & Procedures for Reopening

Auxier Elementary & Chandler Unified are committed to providing a positive learning environment by continuing to ensure the safety of our students & staff is the top priority. As we reopen our school for the 2020-2021 school year, Auxier Elementary will be implementing the following enhanced protocols & procedures to keep our school community safe & slow the spread of COVID-19. Every effort will be made to create a natural learning environment while the safety protocols are in place.



Face Coverings

- All staff, students, & visitors with an appointment **MUST** wear a facial covering while on campus and on school buses
- Students may be given opportunities for face covering breaks during the school day including:
 - Mealtimes--Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack
 - During Physical Activities or Recess, depending on the activity
 - In the Classroom, when social distancing is maximized



Health Screening & Protocols

- Students & Staff are required to screen themselves on a daily basis before arriving at school
- If you answer "**YES**" to any of the following questions, keep your student home from school & notify the Front Office of the absence.
 1. Does your child currently have a **fever above 100.4** or had a fever in the last **24 hours**?
 2. Does your child have any of the following symptoms?

• New Cough or Shortness of Breath	• Sore Throat
• Headache &/or Body Ache	• Vomiting
• Loss sense of taste or smell	• Diarrhea
• Chills	
 3. Is anyone in your home currently being isolated for COVID-19 due to a positive test or COVID-19 symptoms?
 4. Have you been in close contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has symptoms compatible with COVID-19 in the last 24 hours?
- If any of the above symptoms appear during the school day, students will be evaluated by the Health Assistant & isolated within the Health Office.
 - Should it be determined that the student cannot be in school, the Parent/Guardian will be contacted & the student **MUST** be picked up within **1 hour** of being notified
- Hand Washing &/or Hand Sanitization will occur throughout the school day:
 - Upon arrival to the classroom
 - After Physical Activity
 - Before & After Meals
 - After Sneezing, Coughing, &/or Blowing Nose



Transportation

Modifications have been made to our procedures to limit the risk of exposure & for the safety of all persons at school

!!Only Students & Staff!! are permitted to be on campus beyond the designated drop-off & pick-up areas
Drivers **MUST** remain in their vehicle **at all times** during drop-off & pick-up

◆ **Due to these procedural changes, we are anticipating higher than normal wait times during after school pick-up.** ◆

- **Bus**

- Students who qualify for transportation have the option to ride the bus to &/or from school
- Face Coverings & Hand Sanitization is **required** to board & ride on the bus
- Students must follow the seating assignments provided by the bus driver
- **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** students must have an older sibling or adult at the bus stop to be released from the bus

- **Walkers**

- Students walking on & off campus will follow the designated route
- **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** students must have an older sibling or adult with them to walk off campus

- **Parent Pick-Up & Drop-Off**

- Students will report to the classrooms upon arrival to school
 - Staff will be available to help students, especially Kindergarten, find their way to their classroom
 - Parents/Guardians will not be permitted into the school building
- Drivers **MUST** remain in their vehicle **at all times** during drop-off & pick-up
- **Parking lots will be closed** during drop-off & pick-up times
- Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zone has been extended to provide additional unloading & loading opportunities



Campus Modifications

- Minimize the number of students in common areas &/or during physical activities
- Appointments are required to visit the Front Office &/or meet with staff on campus
- **Classroom volunteers will not be permitted on campus**
- Drinking fountains will be closed throughout the school
 - Students should bring a **labeled** water bottle to school every day; Water bottles can be refilled throughout the day with the classroom sinks
- Students will follow transition & hallway procedures including directional markers, social distancing, & staggered times
- Classroom & areas around campus will be reconfigured to maximize social distancing when possible
- Increase daily cleaning & disinfecting of high-traffic areas and horizontal surfaces
- Shared supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, school materials, etc.) will be limited
- Large school gatherings, assemblies, &/or celebrations will be provided in an alternative format
- Signage displayed campus-wide promoting safe & healthy behaviors

Mealtime Modifications

- **Breakfast**
 - After arriving to the classroom, students participating in the Breakfast program will be dismissed by the teacher to obtain their meal in the Cafeteria/MPR
 - Supervised & Social Distanced seating will be provided, along with hand sanitizing stations
- **Lunch**
 - Students will wash their hands prior to arrival in the cafeteria
 - Cafeteria capacity will be limited to one grade level
 - Tables will be spread apart throughout the cafeteria to provide adequate social distancing
 - Face coverings will not be worn while students are eating/drinking
 - Seating will be limited to 2 students per table
 - **Meal Options for Students:**
 1. Bring a lunch from home
 2. Purchase a lunch from the cafeteria
 - **NOTE:** Meals are pre-packed & served by the cafeteria staff; Self-selection choices are limited
 - In order to maintain safety protocols, visitors will not be allowed during lunch service
- **Snacks & Birthday Treats**
 - Students must bring a healthy snack from home
 - Grade Level, Shared Snacks, &/or Food-Related Birthday Treats are not permitted

Safer...Stronger...Together!

Each of us has a crucial role in keeping everyone safe at school & reducing the risk of exposure. By following the protocols & procedures established within the district and at Auxier, we can continue to provide a high-quality learning experience. The district will continue to follow the guidelines of both the CDC & state and local officials. As changes occur, families will be notified in a timely manner.