



Ira A. Fulton Elementary School

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Dear Fulton Families,

September 8, 2020

Welcome Back! We are in the final stages of planning and preparing for our return to in-person instruction and we are so excited to see our kids! We've worked on all of the details and our top priority will be student and staff safety. We have many new systems and procedures in place to support our safety focus, and a lot of time will be spent teaching our students all of these. Additional information will be coming as we return. We will be welcoming our K-2 students to in-person instruction on Monday, September 14th, followed by our 3rd-6th grade students on Monday, September 21st.

To prepare for our students, we've prepared each classroom and our school as a whole. Listed below are some (must know) pieces as you prepare to send your child(ren) back to school:

- Classrooms are set up to socially distance kids.
- Hallway floors are marked to indicate the flow of movement within the building.
- Procedures for entering and exiting the building, specials, and the lunch room have been developed. These will be shared with students on the first day.
- Hand sanitizer is in every classroom and located throughout the building.
- Students and staff are required to wear a face covering. Students can remove face coverings during lunch to eat and at recess if socially distanced. Face coverings will be required in the regular classroom and in specials. If exertion is reached in PE, kids will be able to remove their face covering. We do not plan to have PE activities where exertion is reached. We understand that wearing face coverings may be difficult for some, but we ask that all students come with a face covering each day.
- Acceleration and on-level classes will be differentiated in the homeroom class at this time. Teachers will be working together to ensure instruction is at the level for the students in the class. We hope to start moving kids from one classroom to another for acceleration and on-level instruction in the near future.
- Supplies- students can bring supplies from home, but we ask that they have them in a pencil box or pouch and that they do not share them with others. If parents would like to donate any supplies to the classroom, please drop all donations off in the front office. Be sure to clearly label the supplies to ensure they are delivered to the correct teacher and classroom.
- Arrival times will be the same. Students can come on campus starting at 8:05am and will go directly to their classroom. K-3 will enter the building through the kindergarten hallway located near the basketball courts. 4th-6th will enter the building through the hallway near the playground structure closest to 6th grade. All entrances will be clearly labeled and staff will be standing near each entrance.
- Dismissal times will be staggered. All students will be released by an announcement from the front office. Kindergarten will be released at 2:50pm and kindergarten parents or an older sibling (released starting at 2:56pm) may pick their student up from the kindergarten playground area. Kindergarten teachers will be outside with the kids and will release them to the parent or sibling. At

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2:56pm, all walkers and bikers will be released from the classroom. At 2:58 pm, all students that are picked up by car/truck will be released to our parent pick-up area. Lastly, once all buses have arrived, students will be released to the buses.

- Parents/Guardians are not to gather together at the arrival and dismissal times. When students are released, please exit the campus to avoid gatherings or large groups. If on campus, face coverings are required.
- Recess- students will have a 20 minute lunch recess and a second recess each day. From September 14th-October 2nd, we will not be using any equipment or play structures during recess. We will have a variety of activities that kids can do during recess that do not involve equipment. The playground will be divided into sections and a class will be assigned to a specific area to allow social distancing. Students will be able to take their face covering off during recess if they are social distanced.
- Please pack water with your child each day. Label the water bottle clearly with your child's name. Our drinking fountains are not available for use.
- We will not be accepting Birthday treats until further notice.
- Parent volunteers are not allowed yet, but we will let you know when we can have you.
- If you are late to school or need to check your child out early, please do these through the front office. Please remember that face coverings are required when entering the school building.
- Information was sent out to all families on 9-4-2020 regarding student Covid-19 Exclusion Guidelines. This information tells you what happens if your child is sent home with a Covid-19 symptom. If a student tests positive, we will follow district and state guidelines for reporting and notifications. We have the same procedure in place for staff.

Additional information will be coming as we navigate our new normal. We are thrilled to have your kids join us starting next week and we will work very hard to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our staff and students. Please reach out with questions you have. hannon.shannon@cusd80.com or 480-224-3308.

Sincerely,

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