



School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan

Moving Forward Together
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Dear SAISD Family Member,

As I travel across our amazing school district, I am constantly reminded just how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such bright articulate students, outstanding dedicated teachers and staff, a visionary Board of Trustees, parents who truly desire the very best for their children, and business and community partnership members who are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students.

In SAISD, we are family, and we care deeply about your child's future. We are committed to providing your child with the educational opportunities and the social emotional learning support that ensure a future of hope and endless possibilities. Through federal funds granted to us through the American Rescue Plan (ESSER), we are expanding access to social workers and social-emotional specialists. We are ensuring students of all ages have grade-appropriate instruction on mental health, and through community partnerships we are distributing even greater resources.



Throughout this pandemic, SAISD has taken the lead in ensuring our learning environments are as safe as possible for our children and educators. We have implemented sound strategies and best practices based on science. We encourage mask wearing, coordinate vaccination clinics, and provide weekly COVID-19 testing. We also follow social distancing, sanitation, and ventilation protocols.

By working together, we will plan, cultivate, and create a system of excellence across our 79 square miles. We are committed to creating quality learning environments, quality instructional programs, and quality opportunities that allow all students to reach their maximum potential.

As you review this important information, you will see that we have consulted with the following entities in our quest for excellence:

- Texas Education Agency
- San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Aspen Institute for Education & Society
- Council of Chief State School Officers
- Council of Great City Schools

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and the entire SAISD, we thank you for your choice to serve as a champion for our children and for making the impossible, possible.

Sincerely,

"Dr. J"

Robert Jaklich, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
~Mahatma Gandhi

GUIDING COMMITMENTS



San Antonio ISD's planning and decision-making process is informed by the following guiding principles.

- **Health and Safety:** San Antonio ISD is committed to employing strict measures to preserve the health and safety of our families and staff. San Antonio ISD is also committed to the social emotional well-being of our students. This includes creating physically and psychologically safe and nurturing spaces.
- **High-Quality Instruction:** San Antonio ISD is committed to ensuring high-quality academics.
- **Educational Equity:** San Antonio ISD respects the cultural and linguistic heritages of our students, families, and staff, and is committed to ensuring that human and financial resources are distributed in ways that meet their diverse and unique needs.
- **Accurate and Timely Communication:** San Antonio ISD is committed to providing timely and transparent communication to students, families, and staff.



INPUT & ENGAGEMENT



The following groups have been instrumental in providing guidance and direction on the San Antonio ISD plan.

Back 2 School Task Force

The Back 2 School Task Force is an approximately 40-member team representing every department in the district. In addition, the following working groups were formed to contribute to the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan:

- Academics
- Access and Enrollment Services
- Accountability, Research, Evaluation, and Testing (ARET)
- Athletics
- Child Nutrition Services
- Communications
- Extended Day
- Human Resources
- Facilities
- Family & Community Engagement
- Procurement Services
- Financial Services
- Health Services
- Health & Safety
- Human Capital Management
- Information Technology
- Operations Services
- School Leadership
- School Operations and Supports
- Transportation

Back to School Parent Town Hall

The district held a virtual parent town hall on July 26, 2021 in collaboration with Dr. Erika Gonzalez to answer parent questions, provide updates on COVID-19 in the community, and communicate information on health and safety protocols the district will be following during the 2021-2022 school year.

- [SAISD Safe School Start Town Hall Recording](#)

Collaboration with External Partnerships

SAISD is appreciative of the contributions of time and resources to assist in our school opening. We would like to acknowledge the following partners:

- 3M Foundation
- A+ Academics
- AFCEA Education Foundation
- ATT Center
- Beldon Roofing
- Brown & Ortiz
- Charles Butt Foundation
- City of San Antonio
- City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- Communities in School
- Connect Campaign & Food and Necessities Campaign
- CPS Energy
- Firstmark Credit Union
- Frost Charitable Foundation
- Google Fiber
- Greehey Family Foundation
- GTS Solutions
- HEB
- ImmSchools
- Myra Pryor Stafford Charitable Trust
- Nature Sweet Foundation
- O'Connell Robertson
- Pearl
- Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU)
- Rotary Club
- SA YES
- SAISD Foundation
- San Antonio Area Foundation
- San Antonio Food Bank
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- Spectrum
- Spurs Give
- Spurs Sports & Entertainment
- Tech Bloc
- USAA
- USAA Foundation
- Valero Energy Foundation
- VIA
- Wells Fargo Foundation

Principals

Since April of 2021, the Superintendent and his executive leadership team have met weekly with school principals to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Principal feedback during this process is critical to planning and executing a safe plan for school opening.



District Leadership Team (DLT)

The 48-member DLT committee, composed of campus-based professional staff, paraprofessional/classified staff, district-level professional staff, parents, and business and community members, will advise the Superintendent on various matters, including the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan.

Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)

The 2021-2022 Teacher Advisory Council will provide ongoing feedback and guidance regarding the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan, as well as provide guidance on other topics relevant to academic programming.

Principal Advisory Council (PAC)

The 2021-2022 Principal Advisory Council will provide ongoing feedback and guidance regarding the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan, as well as provide guidance on other topics relevant to academic programming and school leadership.

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

The 2021-2022 District Parent Advisory Council will provide ongoing feedback and guidance regarding the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan, as well as provide guidance on other topics relevant to academic programming and schooling.

Student Advisory Committee (SAC)

Students from each of the comprehensive high schools will advise the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent on various matters, including the School Opening and Instructional Continuity Plan during the 2021-2022 school year.

INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR



On December 6, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a modification to the [2021-2022 Instructional Calendar](#) based on stakeholder feedback. This modification includes increasing the number of professional development days and reducing the number of intersession days.

As part of our plan to prevent learning loss, schools might provide additional support to students during intersession weeks.



LEARNING OPTIONS



In-Person Instruction

All students are expected to return to in-person classes for the 2021-2022 school year.

In-Home Learning Services

We recognize that some students may have medical conditions which prevent them from attending school based on the advice of their doctor. Families with special circumstances who have concerns with returning their student to in-person instruction may request in-home learning services by contacting their student's school.

Retaining Students

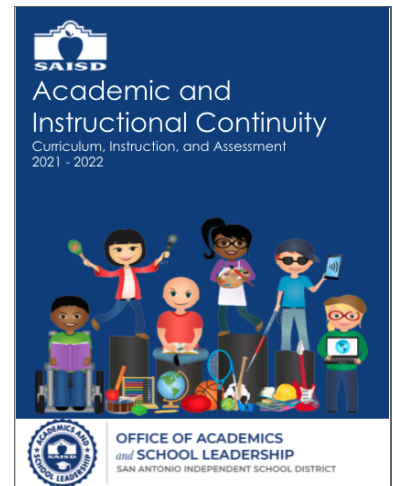
Parents with concerns about their child's progress and with questions about repeating a grade may contact their school counselor.

For more information on retention options, please refer to the following TEA resources:

- [Parents: Should Your Child Repeat a Grade or Course?](#)
- [Restart Kindergarten](#)
- [Formal Request to Repeat a Grade](#)

San Antonio ISD is committed to providing rigorous, TEKS-based instruction to all students through an in-person blended learning environment. The events around the COVID-19 pandemic continue to make this a challenging year, but the district has taken a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to ensuring all teachers are prepared to keep academic progress a priority and address the needs of our students while delivering high-quality instruction. These strategies, as outlined in the [Academic and Instructional Continuity Plan](#), include but are not limited to:

- Building a Learning Community with [Social Emotional Learning](#), [Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Teaching](#), and [Engagement Strategies](#)
- Providing High-Quality Instruction by Teaching On-Grade-Level Content, Integrating Differentiated Supports for Linguistically Diverse Students and Students with Disabilities, and [Accelerating Learning](#) in Small Group Settings
- Utilizing Strong [Formative Assessment Practices](#) to Collect Feedback on Student Progress and Generate Actionable Data to Inform Instruction
- Capitalizing on [Intersession](#) Days for Enrichment, Acceleration, and Credit Repair
- Engaging Instructional Staff in Ongoing Professional Learning Opportunities Aligned to District Goals and Priorities for Academic Achievement



Advanced Placement

San Antonio ISD schools offer a variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses that allow students to experience a college-level course while in high school. Each AP course concludes with an opportunity for students to earn college credit by obtaining a recommended score on a corresponding AP examination. The AP examinations are structured to measure three areas - depth of knowledge, completeness of thought, and synthesis of ideas. AP courses are offered in the core content areas as well as elective courses.

Athletics

The Athletics Department has incorporated prevention, mitigation, and response measures in response to COVID-19. The San Antonio ISD [Return to Play Playbook](#) is intended to provide additional details regarding the shared commitments and protocols specific to district athletic and campus facilities. The current protocols for COVID-19 safety, including the San Antonio ISD Summer Strength and Conditioning Protocols, and COVID-19 Training for Cleaning and Disinfecting can be found on the [Athletics webpage](#). For the 2021-2022 school year the focus of the Athletics Department is to allow its athletes the opportunity to participate in sports in a safe format.

Career and Technology Education (CTE)

The Career & Technical Education Department is committed to supporting San Antonio ISD's mission of preparing its students for an ever-changing world by providing rigorous instruction aligned with the demands and expectations of industry needs and local workforce. Programs of study offered focus on in-demand, high-wage, career opportunities. There are dual credit and industry-based certifications available through the programs of study.

Disability Services

The Department of Disability Services recognizes that students with disabilities may have unique needs that may impact their ability to participate meaningfully in different instructional settings. Additional considerations for these students may include learning style, access to specialized materials and equipment, and student health status, which should be addressed via the ARD or §504 Process. In the event that a student has a medical issue that may prevent the student from participating safely via in-person instruction, a parent should reach out to their child's campus to initiate consideration for [Homebound Services](#).

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment

San Antonio ISD high schools offer a wide variety of courses that allow students to earn college credit while in high school. These courses may be offered in core academic and elective areas as well as in Career and Technology. The district works closely with its college partners to ensure that students can continue to take advantage of the opportunity for early college credit in virtual or hybrid course offerings.

Dual Language, ESL, & Migrant

The Dual Language, ESL, & Migrant Department will provide face to face language development and migrant program services and ensure that Emergent Bilingual students receive linguistic accommodations in culturally and linguistically responsive classroom settings throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Dual Language and/or ESL programs will be offered on [all campuses](#) with appropriately certified teachers and staff. The [International Welcome Center](#) will continue to provide placement testing and wraparound services in person.

Early Childhood Education

San Antonio ISD has a long-rooted commitment and a dedicated focus in providing high-quality early childhood education for our youngest scholars. For over 20 years, the district has offered full-day Pre-K to students ages 3- and 4- years old with teachers certified in early childhood education (ECE) and instructional assistants in every ECE class. San Antonio ISD is the only district in Bexar County to offer universal Pre-K. Ongoing collaboration with its strategic partners, including the City of San Antonio Head Start and Communities in Schools (CIS) Parent and Child Emotional (PACE) Wellness Team, provide services to our campuses that offer Pre-K.

Educational Technology

All students and teachers in grades Pre-K through 12 students have access to robust digital resources to support in-person and virtual learning, without disruption to high-quality instruction. Canvas, the district's learning management system (LMS), is made up of a powerful set of highly integrated learning products that allow teachers and schools the ability to customize their digital learning platforms. It operates as a central hub for curriculum, instruction, assessment, and mastery courses, and has a built-in assessment system with analytics to measure mastery of content. Canvas integrates with emerging technology and educational software apps such as Google, Microsoft, and Adobe, and incorporates dynamic communication tools for the digital classroom including calendars, announcements, and discussion boards. It also supports the use of assistive technology with Immersive Reader, Closed Caption, video annotation, and language translators.

The Canvas Learning Management System leverages technology in the [blended learning](#) classroom. In addition, Canvas serves as a collaboration platform for active learning and a communication tool for students and families.

In the event of an unexpected COVID-19 campus closure, the district will support the transition to remote learning by ensuring access to the Canvas LMS and other digital tools listed below so as to minimize any disruption in daily instruction.

Digital Tool	Grade Levels	Description
ClassLink Single Sign-On	PK-12	Provides access to apps, e-books, digital textbooks, and other digital tools. Students will be provided with QR codes to easily login to resources.
Canvas LMS	PK-12	Teachers publish their course content online including lesson activities, assessments, videos, contact and communication protocols, course syllabus or calendar, and link to other apps such as Google, Kami, Seesaw or PearDeck.
Seesaw	PK-3	A digital portfolio used in the lower grades to share and upload assignments for young children and serves as a communication tool for parents.
Zoom	PK-12	A web conferencing tool used for live class instruction.

Campus administrators will ensure that all teachers and students have access to district-provided digital resources and devices. The Office of Academics and School Leadership has developed a remote learning guide for the 2021-2022 school year to provide further guidance. For more information on Canvas LMS or other digital tools and resources visit the [Educational Technology & Design Website](#).

Fine Arts

The use of masks, playing masks, face shields, bell covers, and puppy shields are now optional in fine arts classes, both indoors and outdoors. All of these items are available through the teacher upon request. Teachers may request these items from the Fine Arts Department through their coordinator. Students should continue to refrain from sharing water bottles and towels. There are no restrictions on tumbling for cheer teams, pep squad, dance team, or fine arts dance classes.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Department aims to transform potential in youth into outstanding achievement in adulthood. The district is committed to identifying and nurturing individual strengths in order to cultivate the unique intellectual and academic gifts and talents of our students. GATE services are provided at every San Antonio ISD campus by teachers trained in differentiation practices that they implement in their classroom and supplemented with face to face enrichment services provided by district GATE Specialists.

Health & Physical Education

The Health & Physical Education Department provides students the opportunity to develop the mind, body, and spirit in a safe learning environment. Physical activity is important for students' overall well-being. The Health & Physical Education Department will continue to provide opportunities for structured outdoor and indoor learning.

JROTC/LOTC

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world.

Literacy and Biliteracy

San Antonio ISD believes that the pathway forward is through rigorous Tier 1 instruction for all students that includes reading and writing in all content areas. The [Literacy and Biliteracy District Plan](#) will ensure comprehensive planning for instruction that begins with grade-level standards and complex texts, provides routines aligned to the Science of Teaching Reading and supports both literacy and biliteracy trajectories, and identifies the necessary scaffolds to support intervention and enrichment. Literacy and Biliteracy classrooms will be designed to excite students' love of reading, writing, and self-expression. All students can perform at high levels of literacy—if they are provided with voice and choice in the classroom.

Mathematics

San Antonio ISD recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on students and their ability to perform in mathematics. The pathway forward is through providing additional scaffolding to help students develop deep mathematical understanding of concepts and accelerate their learning. Schools are offering intersession opportunities as well as school-based tutoring sessions for students to have additional instructional time building both critical thinking and problem-solving strategies. Teachers are engaged in ongoing professional learning on evidence-based emerging supports and resources to engage students in relevant and applicable mathematical learning.

Postsecondary Initiatives

San Antonio ISD has committed to opening the doors of postsecondary opportunity to its students by providing the resources and support for students to enter college. From college exploration and selection, to completing college, financial aid and scholarship applications, to registering and entering college in the fall after high school graduation, students have access to a team of staff committed to their success. College Bound Advisors, working closely with campus counselors and support staff, ensure that students are able to move past any barriers they may encounter on their journey to enter and persist in earning a college credential. College Alumni Advisors work to ensure that students who have entered college persist to completion of a college credential and offer enrollment support to students who have graduated from a San Antonio ISD high school and may have delayed college enrollment.

Science

San Antonio ISD believes that effective science instruction exists through the lens of inquiry-learning focused on developing students who understand scientific inquiry and engage in a variety of scientific practices to explain phenomena and solve problems. Through inquiry-learning, students understand science as an iterative, dynamic, creative, and collaborative process similar to how real scientists do their work. Science instruction also allows students to develop models of systems within the natural world, investigate real-world situations, develop critical thinking with productive discourse, and engage in purposeful reading, writing, and speaking on relevant topics.

The San Antonio ISD Digital Learning Playground (DLP) is a one-stop shop for student digital learning. Students and families can find lessons and activities designed to engage students in continuous learning. The DLP is the district's continuous learning platform for students and families to engage in activities when they are away from school. Each DLP website features students' favorite digital learning activities such as academic and technology choice boards, family activities, self-care strategies, and resources for parents. Embedded in the lessons are supports such as Immersive Reader. All lessons are delivered in both English and Spanish to meet the needs of our students. New editions of the Digital Learning Playground ([Winter Edition](#), [Spring Edition](#), [Summer Edition](#), [Quarantine Edition](#)) are developed and launched throughout the year to meet the needs of students and their families.

LEARNING IN QUARANTINE



The [Quarantine Edition](#) of the Digital Learning Playground was launched on September 7, 2021 to support the learning of students who are quarantined. A webpage, [Learning in Quarantine](#), and [handout](#) for families was developed with a full menu of lessons for students in grades Pre-K through 12 and their families. Lessons include embedded accessibility accommodations. Grade band specific lessons including Math and Istation are available to elementary students. High school students have full access to Edgenuity.

Explore Our Learning Choice Boards | Explora nuestras opciones de aprendizaje



We want to assure you that we remain steadfast in our commitment to the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. In addition to continuing to encourage the wearing of masks, we will continue to provide mask supplies for those who request them. Furthermore, we will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinics and weekly testing, and we remain committed to our sanitation and air purification protocols. We continue to follow updated recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Metro Health, and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Isolation

- Applies to anyone who is infected regardless of vaccination status
- Timelines – At least 5 days unless individual has fever or symptoms are not resolving
- Day “0” is the day that the symptoms began OR the day that the test was taken, whichever comes first
- Should wear masks for an additional 5 days after isolation period ends
- Individuals with symptoms should isolate for at least 5 days even if they are awaiting testing results

Quarantine

- Applies to anyone who was exposed to someone with COVID-19
- If boosted or completed the primary series within 6 months (2 months for J&J)
 - Wear a mask for 10 days
 - Test on Day 5
 - If symptoms develop, test and quarantine
- If the primary series was completed over 6 months ago without being boosted (2 months for J&J) OR if unvaccinated:
 - Quarantine for 5 days and wear a mask for 5 additional days
 - Test on Day 5
 - If symptoms develop, get a test and continue to quarantine

Rationale for Shortened Timelines

The majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after.

Testing Following Isolation

- Metro Health, in accordance with the CDC guidance, does not require a test at the end of isolation.
- Some people may remain positive by PCR test beyond the period of expected infectiousness.
- The importance of a positive antigen test late in the course of illness is unclear and does not necessarily mean a person can easily spread the virus.

Student cases will be traced by the campus. Any time a student or staff member on your child’s campus is identified as a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive case or as having been potentially exposed to the positive individual, the principal will send notification to the parents of impacted students. Employees may direct questions to the COVID HR Line at (210) 354-9500 or COVIDQUESTIONS@saisd.net.

Screenings and Temperature Checks

Students and staff should remain home when they have any infectious illness. We will follow basic guidelines recommended by CDC and Metro Health. This may include conducting temperature checks and screening upon entry into a building.

COVID Testing

In partnership with Community Labs and other groups, we will continue to offer free weekly COVID testing to our students and staff. [Click here to learn more and sign up.](#)

Vaccine Clinics

San Antonio ISD continues to provide ongoing opportunities for all eligible students (ages 5 and older), families, and staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19. For a complete list of vaccination opportunities, please visit the [School Safety Hub](#).

Mask Wearing

To date, CDC's community level classification for Bexar County is classified as 'low' and Metro Health has also designated the current risk level as 'low.' In acknowledgement of these findings, at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 21, 2022, the SAISD Board of Trustees made the decision to lift the district's mask mandate currently in place effective immediately and encourage the continued use of masks by all staff, students, and visitors throughout all of our schools and facilities, changing our protocols from "required" to "encouraged."



Additionally, the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent of Schools to monitor and adjust the mask wearing mandate based on criteria established by the Superintendent of Schools with guidance from the local public health authority. That said, beginning March 22, all staff, students, and visitors throughout our schools and facilities will be "encouraged" to wear masks until further notice. If at any time these conditions change, we will revisit this decision.

Hand Washing

Students will continue to be instructed on [proper handwashing](#) and will be provided time within the school day to wash their hands.

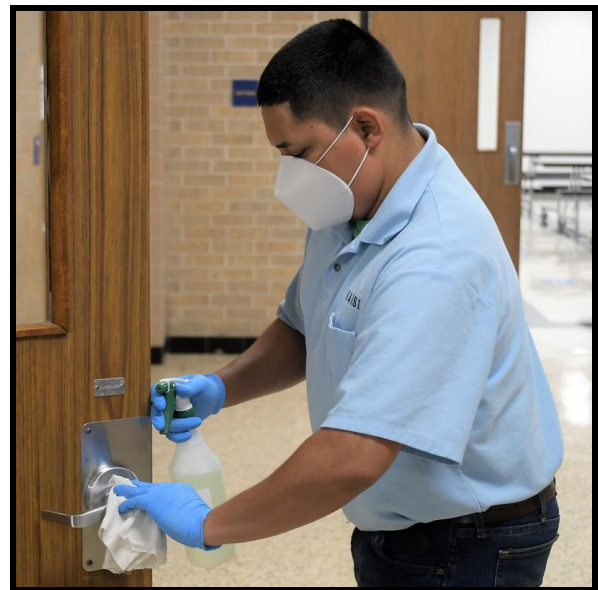
Sanitizing

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers are located in each classroom, as well as throughout common areas on each campus. As recommended by the CDC, the district's alcohol-based hand sanitizer contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Both horizontal and vertical high-touch surfaces in learning areas will be cleaned daily using an Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) approved cleaning and disinfecting solution, followed by weekly surface treatment using an electrostatic applicator. High-touch surfaces in common areas such as hallways and bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected several times daily using the EPA-approved solution. The district also employs an additional measure of disinfection by applying a non-toxic, water-based, surface barrier protectant that continuously kills pathogens for up to 30 days.

[Cleaning and disinfecting](#) will be required frequently on high-touch surfaces in common areas (e.g., door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within the school and on school buses at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects (e.g., gym or physical education equipment, art supplies, toys, and/or games) should be limited when possible or cleaned between use.



All spaces occupied by a person who tests positive for COVID-19 will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected within 24 hours.

Water Systems

To minimize the risk of illness associated with drinking from the same water fountain, all campuses will have at least one water bottle filling station. Students and staff will be asked to bring a refillable water bottle daily.

Air Filtration

The district continues to implement an aggressive preventive maintenance program of the HVAC systems to ensure systems are functioning as intended. In response to COVID-19, staff moved early to improve the air filtration of these systems by changing standard filters to higher efficiency filters designated as MERV-11. These filters are intended to remove micro particles from the air as they move through air handling devices.

With the issuance of more recent guidelines of Indoor Air Quality by the CDC and ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning), the district is now using MERV-13 high efficiency filters where possible.

School Buses

Social distancing will be implemented on buses to the maximum extent possible. Students will be seated two to a seat, hand sanitizer stations will be available, buses will be sanitized after every route, every other window will be open, and roof hatches will be open (weather permitting). Individuals riding school buses are encouraged to wear masks. Disposable masks are available to students without one.



Child Nutrition Services

Meals are offered following the guidance of the CDC and Metro Health. The Child Nutrition Services Department continues to implement a detailed food safety plan as mandated by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Food items offered in cafeterias districtwide are made available in individual portions. High touch surfaces are cleaned frequently. Meals are also available to students in quarantine. For more information, please call (210) 554-2290.

Facility Rentals

Schools, buildings, and other district facilities are available for rental by the community. Facility use requests must be submitted 21 days in advance per district policy. Please visit www.facilitron.com/saisd78210 for more information.

Volunteers

Beginning on October 1, 2021, volunteers will be welcome on campus to assist with school needs. The number of volunteers allowed on campus at any given time and for any activity must be approved by the school principal. Please contact your [campus](#) or [FACE Specialist](#) to inquire about volunteer opportunities. In order to ensure the safety of district staff, students, and families, all volunteers are encouraged to wear a face mask while on campus and follow district health and safety protocols.

Visitors

Parents and community members are welcome on campuses and other buildings for school/district business, enrollment support, parent-teacher conferences, parent nights, meetings, etc. Mask wearing is encouraged. Lunch visits are not allowed. San Antonio ISD encourages all visitors in its campuses and administrative buildings to be masked.

Partners

San Antonio ISD encourages everyone working in its campuses and administrative buildings to be masked, including strategic partners supporting schools. The district requires strategic partners to follow the [COVID-19 Protocol for SAISD Strategic Partners](#). Strategic partners may direct any questions or concerns to Toni Thompson, Associate Superintendent, at TThompson@saisd.net.

Service Providers

Approved service providers may continue to visit campuses or other administrative buildings for district meal service, approved deliveries, facilities/maintenance requests, social emotional support, and to provide other services that directly support the educational needs of students. Service providers working in San Antonio ISD campuses or administrative buildings are encouraged to be masked.

FAMILY COMMUNICATION



We will provide families with the most up to date information as it pertains to COVID-19 in their child's classroom or school. Additionally, we will continue to communicate information on infections and other COVID-19 updates as it becomes available.

- Notification to Families
Any time a student or staff member on your child's campus is identified as a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive case or as having been potentially exposed to the positive individual, the principal will send notification to the parents of impacted students.
- School Safety Hub and Web Updates
The [School Safety Hub](#) will serve as a one-stop source to house communication updates to stakeholders. Major updates will also be highlighted on the [district home page](#) and the [Parents & Students webpage](#).
- COVID-19 Dashboard
San Antonio ISD will continue to publish a [weekly public report](#) with the number of lab-confirmed student and staff COVID-19 cases on each campus.
- Forums
San Antonio ISD will hold virtual and/or in-person forums including town halls and virtual Q&As to engage families and community members.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS & DRESS CODE



All students must adhere to the district's dress code, which has been updated for the 2021-2022 school year.

The new policy expands clothing options for our students in middle and high school grades, and gives lower grade levels the option of wearing jeans. The new guidelines also allow students to wear their natural hairstyles and religious head coverings.

- [Updated SAISD Dress Code Policy](#)
- [Dress Code By Campus](#)

The district has several programs available to assist families with the purchase of uniforms. Currently, Uniform Services has a uniform closet with the inventory to support approximately 5,000 students in need of a basic school uniform. Additional funding is available to help families purchase uniforms. Parents can submit an application to Uniform Services to receive uniform vouchers for use at any of the district's four approved vendors.



In addition to uniform assistance, the district also has support services available to families experiencing homelessness. For more information about any of these services, please email saisdschoolsocialworkers@saisd.net or call (210) 554-2635.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT



The San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) has adopted the Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) to promote and maintain a positive, safe, and effective learning environment for students and adults. The SCOC articulates the behavior that is not allowable at school or school-affiliated functions or events, on school grounds, or on district transportation so that students and adults are knowledgeable about expectations and standards of behavior.



It is a priority of San Antonio ISD for staff to implement a restorative and instructional approach using evidence-based best practices to respond to student behavior. The student code of conduct provides a repository of resources that lead to improved student outcomes. It also delineates behavior that is not allowed at school, possible disciplinary consequences, and the relevant procedures, protections, and law related to student discipline. [View the Student Code of Conduct](#)

TECHNOLOGY



San Antonio ISD is a proud one-to-one district, offering each student access to their own laptop, tablet, or iPad. This 1:1 model allows the San Antonio ISD community the opportunity of "Learning Everywhere" and to thrive in this digital ever-changing world. Tech Love and Care promotes the proper care, use and handling of each student's laptop, tablet, or iPad. Consistent maintenance and care will ensure optimal performance, longevity, and ideal physical condition of your technology device.

Students who need a personal device can contact their campus for assistance. Any questions about district-issued devices can be directed to the district's help desk. Staff members are available to take calls and answer any technology concerns.

- [Help Desk Webpage](#)
- [Tech Device Care Guidelines](#)



READY FOR SCHOOL RESOURCES



San Antonio ISD has a team of experts available to answer questions and provide support to families so all students are ready for school every day:

- For general questions or concerns, call (210) 554-2210 or visit www.saisd.net/backtoschool.
- For enrollment assistance, call (210) 554-2660 or visit www.saisd.net/enroll.
- For information about after school care, call (210) 554-2605 or visit www.saisd.net/afterschool.
- For a list of immunization events, call (210) 207-8750 or visit www.saisd.net/vaccines.
- For questions about transportation, call (210) 354-9320 or visit www.saisd.net/transportation.
- For questions about school meals, call (210) 554-2290 or visit www.saisd.net/nutrition.
- For uniform assistance, call (210) 554-2635.

The dollars allocated through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund are critical to getting our teachers and students back on track and ready to tackle this school year and whatever lies ahead. For the 2021-22 School year, San Antonio ISD has been allocated approximately \$78.3M from ESSER II and ESSER III funds for year 1; \$78.3M for year 2 and \$60M for year 3, for a total of \$276.6 million.

We have developed a comprehensive, working plan to ensure that students are back on track academically, socially, and behaviorally. San Antonio ISD will utilize ESSER funds to mitigate learning loss as a result of the pandemic. The Continuity of Services and ESSER Enhancement Plan outlines the district's priority areas and was informed by stakeholder engagement sessions, research, and survey data. San Antonio ISD will continue to engage stakeholders regularly as we continue to gather input on the plan in years 2 and 3.

Visit the [ESSER webpage](#) for more information, and to read the plan in English and Spanish or to request it in another language.