Brookesmith Independent School District 2022 – 2023 Return to School Plan Brookesmith Campus

Brookesmith ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as our community. We will monitor the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), Brown County Health Department, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and local governance. This plan has been prepared based on TEA guidance. This document will be updated as government mandates change. As we designed this plan in consultation with stakeholders, after soliciting public comment via community group meetings, we worked hard to protect the health of all students and staff while creating an instructional experience that fits Brookesmith ISD. These guidelines may change significantly before the school year starts on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Due to the lack of funding, Brookesmith ISD will not be offering Remote Instruction unless it is TEA acceptable and necessary; all students will attend school Face to Face. If a student has been exposed to COVID, they will be allowed extra time to complete assignments. Teachers will provide tutoring services as well.

General Health and Safety Protocols

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Disinfectants will be used for deep cleaning campuses. The district will store these products safely and ensure that harmful cleaning products are not used near children.
- Students, teachers, staff, and essential campus visitors/volunteers will be encouraged to sanitize and wash hands frequently.
- Tissues will be provided in classrooms to encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, to cover with their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

School Health Procedures

- Campus staff will be trained in COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Minor health needs may be handled in the nurse's office area. Students experiencing symptoms will be isolated.
- School facilities will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Health Self-Screening for Staff, Students, and Visitors

- Students, staff and visitors are encouraged to take their own temperatures daily before arriving at school. Anyone with a fever of **100** or higher should not come to school or a BISD facility.
- Students, staff and visitors are encouraged to self-screen before coming to school by asking the following questions: Have you recently experienced any of the following in a way that is not normal for you?
 - o Cough
 - o Difficulty breathing
 - Shortness of breath

- Headache
- o Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- o Significant muscle pain or ache
- o Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Loss of taste or smell

Students and staff may be subject to temperature checks for verification, especially if they are feeling ill or suspected of having a fever during the school day.

Campuses will have access to a touch-free forehead thermometer to check/verify temperatures and will immediately send anyone to the nurse with a temperature of **100** or higher for temperature verification and symptom check.

Protocols for individuals confirmed/exposed COVID-19

Confirmed/Exposed COVID-19

If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the district must notify the local health department in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). In the case of an individual who is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school per health department guidelines.

Attendance and Enrollment

- Per Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.092, students must attend 90 percent of a course (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in effect during the 2022-2023 school year.
- When available, BISD will provide parents notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic using a document published by TEA.

Large-Group Gatherings & Special Events

• To begin the fall semester, BISD will be open to all events, while closely monitoring TEA and local guidelines.

Students' Academic Need:

 Brookesmith ISD will address learning loss through adding an additional teacher for smaller group settings for more individualized instructions, as well as additional staff for intervention. This Is a class size reduction teacher so that we do not have to combine grades. We will budget 10% directed toward learning loss.

Student's Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness

- Students in need of social-emotional support will be provided tiered interventions which could involve referral for additional school-based services or referral for outside mental health support.
- Resources will be provided upon request.
- Provide a fun activity every six weeks.

Staff's Social-Emotional Support/Mental Wellness

- Offer morale boosting activities such as a special treat (Sonic drink)
- One day a week wear your favorite college shirt.
- Friday school spirit day wear jeans and your favorite Mustang shirt
- Teacher appreciation luncheon

Communication

- Brookesmith ISD will continue to inform key stakeholders regularly while offering opportunities for feedback via board meetings to help shape the BISD 2022 Fall Plan.
- The district and campuses will communicate official BISD news using Remind, websites, and the school's Facebook page.

Water

- Students may continue to bring water bottles from home. Students will not be able to share water bottles and are encouraged to put their name on their water bottle.
- Students may fill their water bottles at school but will be discouraged from drinking directly from the water fountains.

Cafeteria

- Brookesmith ISD plans to utilize the school cafeteria as much as possible for student lunches, with procedures already implemented for social distancing.
- Breakfast will be served in the student's home room except for Junior High/High School students who will be served breakfast during 1st period between 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.
- Seats, tables, door handles, and high-touch areas will be disinfected regularly.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in the cafeteria.

Classroom

- Teachers will monitor students throughout the day and refer them to the nurse's office if symptoms are present. Each classroom will have the following:
 - Refillable hand sanitizer stations
 - Disinfectant in a spray bottle with cleaning cloths provided for employees.
- Teachers will:
 - Encourage hand hygiene upon entering the classroom and after group activities.
 - Establish student responsibilities to clean personal areas and materials/supplies with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and other self-cleaning products.
 - Limit the use of shared supplies when possible.

Visitors, Parent Meetings, etc.

 All visitors are welcome to BISD. Please self-screen before coming to our facility or any school event.

Extracurricular/Athletics

• Extracurricular participation in certain activities will follow local and TEA/UIL guidelines.

Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan

The plan was drafted on June 30, 2022 and posted to the LEA website https://www.brookesmithisd.net. Every six months, Brookesmith ISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited, and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted on the website. The chart below provides information on this ongoing process.

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Review		
2021-2022 Year 1	Date of Initial Plan: June 21, 2021	Six Month Review Date: December 6, 2021 X No revision needed Revisions were made
2022-2023 Year 2	Six Month Review Date: June 30, 2022 No revision needed X Revisions were made	End of Grant Period Review Date: September 30, 2023No revision neededRevisions were made
2023-2024 (Carryover Year)	Last required review is 9/30/2023. ~Grant ends 9/30/24~	

Questions

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