



**E. MERLE SMITH  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2020-2021**



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**School Hours**



School starts at 7:55 AM

School ends at 3:45 PM

School doors will open at 7:30 AM. At 7:30 AM, students will report to their 1st period class.

Students who arrive to school AFTER 8:00 should check into the main office prior to attending class.

**UPCOMING DATES**

August 24: First Day of School

August 24 – September 4: Remote Only

September 7: Holiday/No school

September 8 – 18: Remote Window Continues w/ISD option to bring some students on campus

September 21: Staff Development/No students

October 16: Early Release @ 1:00

October 16: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

November 2: Staff Development/No students

**Behavior Focus at SMS**

**Work Ethic** – do what is asked & ALWAYS try your best

**Language** – positive at all times, no foul language tolerated

**PDA** – NO public displays of affection

**Time** – arrive to class on time & stay there

**Dress code** – no exceptions

**PE – What do I wear?**



A complete change of clothing must be worn for PE including:

- T-shirt or sweatshirt (maroon, grey, white, or black)
- Shorts or sweatpants (black or maroon)
- Socks and tennis shoes.

SISD/SMS spirit gear (shirts, sweats, shorts etc. is acceptable PE wear. Jewelry should not be worn during class since it can pose a safety hazard.



**Cell phones at SMS**

Use of cell phones, gaming systems, or electronic devices of any kind is not permitted at SMS. Technology needed for instructional purposes will be provided to every student by SMS teachers and staff members. As an exception, students may use their personal cell phone AFTER school (3:45 PM) to arrange for transportation. Cell phones in use prior to 3:45 PM will be picked up and checked into the main office. District policy is in effect.....1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in \$15 charge to pick up cell phone from main office.



## **Breakfast & Lunch at SMS**

Students will eat breakfast in 1st period class. Breakfast will be delivered to the classrooms.

SMS has added an additional lunch period to the bell schedule to allow for appropriate social distancing during lunches. Additional spaces may be used for lunch periods.

All SISD campuses will not accept meal deliveries (breakfast or lunch) to campus. Visitors for meals will not be permitted.



## **Campus Visitors**

All visitors should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before visiting and should refrain from visiting if they are experiencing any symptoms. Visitors must wear a mask and use the main entrance to enter and exit the building. Please sanitize your hands, then press the button on the wall to speak to a staff member. You will be asked to state your name and reason for visiting before being buzzed in.

## **Enhanced Safety Precautions for Face-to-Face Model.**

Student will receive instruction ON CAMPUS.

1st period – added 15 minutes to support breakfast in the classrooms.

Added an additional lunch period to adhere to social distancing standards.

Social distancing markers on the floor in the cafeteria and in designated areas to adhere to spacing standards.

Staggered dismissal after school to maintain social distance.

Car riders (out front) and bus riders (in the cafeteria) will maintain social distance as they wait in their dismissal area.

Staggered passing periods (by grade level) to maintain social distance.

One-way flow of traffic in hallways during passing periods.

The importance of hand washing and sanitizing will be taught and encouraged.

Masks worn by all SMS staff and students.

Buzzer/intercom system for main office to limit visitors and entry into main office.

## **Enhanced Safety Precautions for Face-to-Face Model continued.....**

Students have been provided with a Chromebook for use at home and school. We will not share Chromebooks at school. Students should charge their Chromebook at home and bring it to campus each day.

Hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the building and in each classroom.

Plexiglass shields in offices and conference rooms.

## **Nurse Corner**

Parents and students are responsible for a symptom self-check daily for congestion or runny nose, fever of 100.4° or greater, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, sore throat, muscle pain/fatigue, chills, and/or new loss of taste or smell. If your student has any of these symptoms or symptoms of another illness that prevents them from attending school for the day, please keep them home and call the SMS office to report the absence.

Should your child become ill during the day, you will be contacted. If your child must be sent home please have a plan in place to assure they are picked up promptly. Be sure to provide the school with a current phone number in case we need to reach you.