

# Fort Sumner Municipal Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Fort Sumner Municipal Schools is so excited to announce the return of our high school and middle school students on February 8, 2021. After a long awaited decision by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Public Education Department (PED), students will be allowed to attend in a hybrid schedule. Although this is not the perfect solution to getting our kids back in school, it is certainly a move in the right direction.

Hybrid education is where 50% of students can attend each day. Students will attend two days a week on the same orange and black schedule as the elementary. This means that on Mondays and Wednesdays the Orange group will attend live while the Black group will attend via Zoom at the same time. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Black group will attend live while the Orange group will attend via Zoom at the same time. Students who currently have an IEP, 504 or a SAT may attend live every day. Our schedule will remain the same as it is currently. You will receive a letter in the mail telling you which group your student will attend.

When returning to school, students and Fort Sumner Schools staff will follow all COVID safe practices. Classrooms are arranged to maintain 6 foot social distancing, and students will need to follow social distancing protocols in the hallways. Masks will be required and hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom. If a student forgets their mask one will be provided for them. Parents please reinforce with your child that students should not congregate at bus stops or in areas on campus. Also remember that if your child is sick, has COVID related symptoms, or has been directly exposed to COVID you should keep them home and notify the school of their absence. Students that are symptomatic will need to remain home ten days after the onset of the symptoms, or have a negative test to allow them back to school and workouts. Students who have been directly exposed to COVID should stay home and quarantine for fourteen days. During this time they can still attend classes via Zoom and contact teachers for help via the Remind app, text, and phone.

On February 8<sup>th</sup> buses will continue to run at regular times. Students currently riding the bus can maintain their regular schedule. Temperatures will be checked daily, either on the bus or at school prior to entrance. All students who walk or are dropped off should locate a duty teacher prior to entering the school to have their temperatures taken. Parents please remain available during temperature checks in case we need to contact you.

Pre-Season athletic workouts will change to focus on volleyball and football beginning Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Junior High and High School coaches will contact players for workout times. The official start date for athletics is scheduled by the NMAA as February 22. There are some decisions that have not been voted on yet, so we will let you know as soon as those decisions and scheduling are complete. At this time, we have been told that fans will not be allowed. We have a streaming service ready for you to purchase for game viewing at Fort Sumner and most of the Region 6 schools. We are very hopeful we will play, and it may look different than most years. To keep our schools open and allow our students to participate in sports, FFA, and BPA, let's all do our very best to be safe.

Fort Sumner Municipal Schools is very excited for in person learning and we have made every effort to mitigate the chances of the spread of COVID-19. The Deputy Secretary, and the State Fire Marshall have visited and approved our campus to host in person learning. Should there be an incidence of COVID-19 on campus, we will follow state guidelines and parents will be notified if there is an exposure. Please make sure that our office has a current email and phone number for you in our records.

High School students with approval for parking at school, will need to park in the east parking lot facing the football field. Please reserve the area directly in front of clinic and the east entrance of the high school for staff. Students will no longer park in the Fort Parking Lot or past the gate near the field house and gym since buses are currently using this area.

We are looking forward to seeing more students! The staff has been excited and getting ready to receive students. We cannot wait to see their smiling faces again. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the high school office or Mrs. Rowley.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Rowley  
HS/MS Principal