



Levelland ISD School Year Information 2021-2022

Levelland ISD is excited to welcome our students back to school in August. Guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be the basis for our decisions for the 2021-2022 year. Please check this document often for updates as they are subject to change. We want to ensure a productive and safe learning environment for all.

If you have questions, please email these to: questions@levellandisd.net. The district will respond via E-mail or include the question and response (as appropriate) in the Levelland ISD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The FAQs are included at the end of this document.

Please note that details are subject to change based on guidelines from local, state and federal authorities.

Key Detail

Levelland ISD will provide face-to-face instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to serve our students and their families this year.

School Year Calendar and School Time Changes

[See the Levelland ISD 2021-2022 Calendar page \(PDF opens in new window\) for details.](#)
(https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/455/calendar_2021-2022_final_updated_july_30.pdf)

Note: For the 2021-2022 school year, all campuses have moved from a six-week grading period to a nine-week grading period. Report cards will be disseminated each nine-weeks. Progress reports will also be distributed as per dates indicated on the school calendar.

The daily schedule for each of our campuses is reflected in the following table.

CAMPUS	START TIME	END TIME
Levelland High School	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Levelland Middle School	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Levelland Intermediate School	8:00 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Capitol Elementary	8:00 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
South Elementary	8:00 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
Levelland Academic Beginnings Center	8:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

Guidelines for the 2021-2022 School Year

Registration:

All current Levelland ISD students who have met the requirements of that grade will automatically be enrolled in the next grade level. If a student is new to Levelland ISD, they should enroll as per campus protocol. Please know that all parents still will need to complete documents distributed at the beginning of the school year; these documents have been released online for completion. If paper copies or assistance with online completion are needed, parents should request that in the campus office.

Health/Safety Efforts Continued for the 2021-2022 School Year:

- District administrators will monitor the potential impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Hockley County and follow guidance provided by local health organizations.
- Staff and students/parents should self-screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms. If experiencing any symptoms, students and staff should stay at home.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be strategically located on all campuses.
- Hand washing and or hand sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Levelland ISD administrators and school nurses will assist families in finding appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations as needed. Some of the following community organizations are offering COVID-19 vaccinations:
 - ❑ Levelland Clinic (COVID Vaccine for persons that are 12 years old and above is available at the Levelland Clinic. Please call 806-894-3141 to arrange a time for vaccination.)
 - ❑ South Plains Rural Health (806-894-7842)
 - ❑ United Supermarket Pharmacy (806-894-7315)

COVID-19 Protocols

(updated 8-12-21)

Positive COVID-19 Cases:

- Students/Staff must remain off campus at least 10 days and can return once they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- Re-entry criteria are:
 - Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.
 - If symptomatic, students and staff must be excluded until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications, and other symptoms have improved.
- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its 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).
- Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).

Close Contact:

- Schools are no longer required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing.
- At the secondary level parents will be notified if there is a positive case in an extracurricular activity (i.e.: athletics, band, choir, etc.). This will be done via Remind 101, Skylert, any other approved method. We will not notify parents of other positive cases outside of the activities on these campuses.
- At the elementary level we will notify parents in the homeroom of a positive case.
- Parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to either keep their child in school or keep them at home and follow the recommended quarantine guidelines.
- Individuals who are vaccinated (or who have had COVID-19 within the past three months but do not actively have it now) are not considered close contacts.

Rapid Testing:

At this time the district will not be conducting Rapid Testing, but may do so in the future should the need arise. If implemented it will be optional for students and may be conducted by school staff only with prior written permission of parents. This will be done if a student is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; if a positive result occurs then the student will be sent home. Staff can be rapid tested if they choose to do so. This effort will hopefully keep schools from sending students and staff home presumptuously.

Remote/Virtual Learning:

- As stated above, the district will not be offering remote/virtual learning for students who stay home due to being COVID-19 positive or determined to be a Close Contact.
- Students who miss school for a COVID-19 reason will be counted absent, but may be excused if a note is provided by a parent or doctor's office.
- School work for those who miss may be requested by the parent or student during their absence.

Staff Absences Due To COVID:

There will be no COVID leave this school year. Staff will be required to use their own leave days just as they do for any other absence.

UIL:

- A student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletic activities. (This comes directly from the UIL site.)
- There are no restrictions on seating capacity in stadiums or gyms at this time.

Visitors on Campus:

Parents and other visitors will be allowed as per campus and district practices. For example, for the safety of students and staff, all visitors are required to buzz the office, state the reason for the visit, and request/gain access into the building. Visitors experiencing COVID-related symptoms should refrain from coming onto Levelland ISD campuses.

Focus on Academics (20% of ESSER III [federal] funds are to be used for learning loss)

As Levelland ISD students and staff return for the 2021-2022 school year, plans are in place to address learning loss which occurred due to COVID-19 circumstances. The specific needs for the students and staff on each campus have been addressed with the addition of instructional coaches and interventionists and/or the addition of programs to address academic, social and emotional issues. These staff members will be charged with focusing on student data to address the needs of students and of staff. In addition, we will continue the current curriculum, technology and instructional systems.

In addition, House Bill 4545 is to be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year. As a result of this legislative mandate, if a student is not successful on a STAAR assessment, they will be **required** to get tutoring before, during or after school. The expectation for all Levelland ISD students is that they achieve “approaches” as a minimum on all state assessments.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General Questions

1. What precautions will be in place on campus?

The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. To protect both groups, increased cleaning strategies and sanitation practices will be implemented as needed. Levelland ISD will comply with all health and safety mandates established by the health department and TEA. Safety considerations for students in any special program (Special Education, Section 504, Migrant, Bilingual/English as a Second Language, Gifted/Talented, etc.) receiving instruction in general education settings are consistent with the precautions in place for all students.

2. Will students and staff be required to wear masks?

Face coverings are optional. A person who desires to wear a mask may certainly do so, but masks are not required for any student, staff or visitor.

3. What happens if a student or a teacher tests positive for COVID-19? Will the entire classroom have to quarantine? What if multiple classrooms and students/staff are impacted?

When notification of a possible exposure occurs, Levelland ISD will contact parents of students possibly affected who are participating in extracurricular activities (at the secondary level) and students in self-contained classrooms (at the elementary level) impacted will be contacted.

4. Will visitors be allowed on campuses?

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5. What is considered Close Contact?

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. Close contact is determined by an appropriate public health agency and is defined as: a.) being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or b.) being within six feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes or more within two days prior to the illness onset.

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

Parent/Student Related

1. Will virtual instruction be an option?

All instruction will be provided in person. Virtual instruction will not be provided.

2. How will you address social, emotional, or mental health concerns?

Counselors are available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally and can provide mental health support or resources for families who may be struggling emotionally. If a student needs to schedule a counseling session, please contact the campus counselor. To ensure staff are equipped to address social and mental health concerns, counselors will continue to host training opportunities including trauma-informed care, Mental Health First Aid, and social emotional learning.

3. Will we still have open houses, assemblies, or concerts?

Yes, we will conduct these events. Campus principals will make contact with parents about details for these events as the dates approach.

4. Will buses run?

Yes, transportation will continue for students who are eligible to ride a bus. Parents who are able to transport their own students are encouraged to do so.

5. Will social distancing be observed on buses, and how will seating arrangements be determined?

We cannot guarantee social distancing on our school buses. Students will be instructed on specific safety protocols. The bus driver and students will be encouraged to use provided hand sanitizer on each ride. School buses will be cleaned and disinfected frequently. Seating arrangements will be made by the transportation department.

6. Will students have recess or the ability to play and socialize with other students?

Outdoor activities and recess time are encouraged.

Staff Related

1. What will staff do if they have to quarantine due to COVID-19? Will the district provide extra sick or personal days for staff?

The district’s leave policies for staff members are located in board policy. Please see DEC (LEGAL and LOCAL).