Water Valley ISD School Reopening FAQ

Please read the Water Valley ISD Reopening Plan for more detailed information. This document is meant to serve as a guide.

1. Q: Will my child have to wear a face covering?
   A: Students in grades 4-12 will have to wear a face covering. For students in grades K-3, wearing a face covering is optional.

2. Q: Will my child have to wear a face covering for the entire school day?
   A: Students will not have to wear the face covering when eating breakfast or lunch. Students will be given opportunities to go outside, social distance and take their face covering off.

3. Q: What if my child has a medical condition and they can’t wear a face covering?
   A: Just like other exemptions from activities, a student will need a doctor’s note stating that the student cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition. Turn this documentation into the office.

4. Q: Do school employees have to wear a face covering around my child at all times?
   A: WVISD will comply with the governor’s order, TEA and UIL requirements. Employees will wear a face covering whenever they are in the classroom and other common areas with students. However, the governor’s order does allow for social distancing where our employees may social distance away from others and remove their face covering.

5. Q: Will my child have to wear a face covering while riding the bus?
   A: Yes. All students, even UIL, will have to wear a face covering on the bus.

6. Q: Will students be socially distanced on the bus?
   A: No. Family members will need to sit together. TEA recommends that parents bring students to school if they are uncomfortable with their children riding on the bus.

7. Q: What will the school do to prevent my child from getting COVID-19?
   A: Unfortunately, nothing is 100 percent guaranteed. However, we have a plan in place to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our buildings. This plan does include social distancing, disinfecting, and cleaning among other
strategies recommended by the Center for Disease Control and TEA. Please read the reopening plan for more details.

8. Q: Will I be notified if my child is exposed to somebody that tests positive for COVID-19?
A: All parents will be notified through the Remind App if a student or employee tests positive. The name of the person will not be given. In addition, the school will personally contact, within 24 hours, any parents of students who may have been in close contact with the positive individual.

9. Q: Will the school shut down if there is a positive case?
A: No. With guidance from the CDC and TEA, WVISD has taken the necessary steps to limit the number of students who may have to quarantine in the case of a positive case.

10. Q: Will my child have to quarantine if there is a positive case?
A: If we contact you personally about your child having close contact with a positive case, then your child will have to quarantine for 14 days.

11. Q: Will my child get to do their school work while quarantined?
A: Your child will be moved to remote learning for the length of the quarantine.

12. Q: Will I get to eat lunch with my child?
A: No. In order to socially distance students we are having to spread students out in the gym and cafeteria. For the safety of all students, WVISD will limit the number of visitors on campus. Parents dropping off or picking up students will ring the doorbell and wait outside for an employee to come to the door.

13. Q: Will these requirements last the entire school year?
A: Great question. We don’t know how long we will have to follow these guidelines. WVISD will communicate any changes that may take place.

14. Q: If one of our family members living in the house tests positive, do my children have to quarantine for 14 days?
A: Yes. If any member in the household tests positive for Covid-19, all school children will have to quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.
Remote Learning FAQ

15. Q: Will there be a packet option for students?
   A: No, students will be required to login to a Learning Management System (LMS) daily for their assignments. Assignments may be printed off and completed. It is the responsibility of the student if they do print and complete to either complete the online portion, scan and send the assignment to the teacher, or deliver it to the school.

16. Q: Can a student complete several assignments ahead of time?
   A: No. TEA requires students to engage daily in order to obtain credit for attendance. Students are required to attend 90% of classes in order to obtain credit for the course. To assign credit, students must do one or more of the following:
   ■ Engage daily with the LMS and show progress
   ■ Complete and submit daily assignments
   ■ Interact and show progress with their teacher

17. Q: Will my student be able to take any course remotely?
   A: Not any course. Some courses have requirements that cannot be completed virtually (ie. welding). Therefore, only courses for which we have an approved online content for may be taken remotely. At this time, all of our core courses will be online. Electives will be limited. The following elective courses will be available: Middle School Art, Middle School Music, Investigating Careers, Business Management, Principles of Business, Art History, Music Appreciation, and STAAR prep.

18. Q: Why does 6th-12th grade have 4 hours of daily engagement requirements and K-5th only has 3 hours?
   A: This is the requirement provided by TEA. TEA requirements are posted on their website at https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance

19. Q: What will be the grading policy for remote learners?
   A: All students will follow the grading policy as stated in the Water Valley ISD Student Handbook.

20. Q: Does my student have to follow the dress code in remote learning?
   A: If they are on a zoom with the teacher and/or other students, then yes they will have to follow the school dress code and code of conduct.