



Due to the constantly evolving situation with COVID-19, and the regularly changing guidance from state education and health officials, Watauga Elementary's COVID Plan will be reviewed and updated as needed to reflect new requirements from the CDC; federal, state, or county orders; BISD or the Texas Education Agency.

General Safety Expectations

Students will be required to wear masks at school. As of right now, this also includes recess and participation in Specials activities. There are 40+ hand sanitizing stations around the school as well as hand sanitizer in each classroom. Teachers will be supplied with disinfecting wipes to aid in the throughout-the-day cleaning. Additional cleaning and sterilization practices have been added into the daily schedule, as well.

WE ARE ASKING THAT STUDENTS BRING A RE-USABLE WATER BOTTLE THIS YEAR. We have three water bottle filler stations with filtered water. We ask that students bring a water bottle this year rather than have to make trips to the water fountain. We ask that you not bring / use reusable water bottles that have straws as the coordination of refilling those is difficult for kids.

Arrival

Being at school by 10am will count as being present.

7:40: Doors open. *Breakfast is served.

All students not eating breakfast will walk to their classroom and begin their day upon arrival. Older siblings may walk students in grades PK-2 to their classroom door.

8:00: The school day starts.

8:10: Tardy bell rings.

Visitors

The district is not allowing visitors this year unless it is integral to the instructional process and/or benefits the entire school community. Those doing PTA business will limit the times they are on campus and have been requested to notify the school beforehand. At this time, there will not be events that involve large gatherings of people indoors. If a parent wants to drop something off for his/her child, they are still allowed to do that through the front office.

Lunch

Students will be spaced out at each table. The lunch schedule starts earlier and ends later than a normal year in order to allow for proper spacing between each student. As of now, lunch visitors will not be allowed at school. The lunch schedule and plan will be revisited each six weeks as family choice for F2F or online learning may change.

Recess

The playground equipment will be off-limits for the time being. Children will be allowed to play on the blacktop and the many field / yard areas. Two days a week will include 5 minutes of organized or structured activity time as a class to help ensure the required number of physical education minutes are met.

Dismissal – [See Dismissal Map](#)

The school day ends at 3:35 but we will have a staggered dismissal in order to keep all of our learners as socially distanced as possible. 3:25 – we will start dismissing PK, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 5th grade students // 3:30 – 2nd grade dismisses // 3:35 – 3rd grade and 4th grade dismisses. Bus lines will be kept outside as much as possible. Day care lines will be social distanced inside. Walkers will be discouraged from loitering. Older siblings will dismiss with youngest sibling, as usual.

Learning Options

Each six weeks families are allowed to pick the learning location they'd like their child(ren) to participate in: Face-to-Face or Online/Remote. As much as possible, we will work to keep the child(ren) assigned to the same classroom teacher for instruction – no matter if it is Face-to-Face or Remote learning.

Changing Platform Deadlines

September 2 nd	September 18 th	October 30 th
December 11 th	February 5 th	March 26 th