



Fayetteville Middle School

2020-2021 Reopening Plans

Welcome Back Tigers

FMS Parents & Students,

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! As we begin school in a few short weeks, things will look and feel a little different than in previous years. The Fayetteville City School System has spent multiple hours throughout the summer discussing and planning for the upcoming school year. We have spent time reviewing the CDC guidelines for reopening schools, receiving guidance from the State Department of Education, and listening to the needs of our local communities in devising a plan for the reopening of Fayetteville Middle School. While we hope to see every student back in the traditional face to face school setting, we understand that health concerns may prevent all students from returning. We respect each family's decision on returning to school on August 3rd.

Delivery of Academic Instruction

Traditional /In-Person Learning: The student will attend Fayetteville Middle School daily, taking their courses in a regular classroom setting, where they will have a traditional seven period day. Daily classes consist of ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Remediation/Enrichment. Students will attend Library, Art, and Medical Science classes once a week and Physical Education class twice a week.

We will have a staggered schedule for the first week in order to limit the number of students in our building each day. This will allow us to orient students to new expectations, and social distancing procedures in the building.

- Monday, August 3rd – 5th Grade
- Tuesday, August 4th – 6th Grade
- Wednesday, August 5th – 7th Grade
- Thursday, August 6th – 8th Grade
- Friday, August 7th – All Grades

FMS Virtual Learning Academy: The student will work from home daily, using the school-issued Chromebook with a fee of \$25.00. The instruction will be delivered through the online platform Edmentum. Families who select the virtual learning option will be required to attend a meeting where they will be provided details concerning the online program as well as receive the Chromebook. The student will be expected to log in daily and complete the assigned learning activities. A certified teacher will check in on the student's progress each day. Grades and attendance will be taken daily, and high expectations will be expected from all students. The student may be required to attend school on a weekly or bi-weekly basis for assessments.

*Students choosing the online learning option may not re-enter the in-person traditional school setting until the next nine-week grading period.

School Hours

The front doors will open at **7:00 AM**. Any students arriving before **7:00 AM** will need to wait in their car until the doors open. School hours for the 2020-2021 school year will be from **7:50 AM – 2:55 PM**. Please consider having your student at school no later than **7:45 AM**. This arrival time allows the student enough time to get to their classroom and prepared for learning. Classroom instruction begins promptly at **7:50 AM**.

We do encourage families with flexible morning schedules to consider dropping off students between **7:35 - 7:45am** if they want to further limit their student's potential exposure to larger student groups.

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from **7:15 – 7:45 AM**.

Bus Information

- Buses will be available for those with transportation needs, however we would like to encourage you to transport your child to school if possible.
- All bus riders must wear a mask while on the bus. Personal masks are encouraged; however, masks will be provided if needed.
- Buses will have assigned seats with family members sitting together.

School-wide Safety Precautions

- All Fayetteville City Schools employees will wear masks or face shields when coming into close proximity with students.
- Students are encouraged to wear masks; however, masks will not be required.

- Staff members and students will have their temperature checked everyday upon arrival at FMS.
- Staff members and students with a temperature of 100.4°F or higher will be required to immediately wear a mask, be isolated, and sent home.
- Classroom transitions will be monitored closely with specific traffic patterns laid out to help maintain social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building. Students will be regularly encouraged to frequently utilize soap and hand sanitizer.
- Water fountains will be closed to limit exposure to students. We encourage students to bring their own water bottles.
- School will be thoroughly sanitized by the custodial staff at the close of each school day.

COVID-19 Management Protocols

According to the CDC, the following are symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (100.4 F or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

- Temperature checks will occur for every student and adult entering the buildings daily until further notice.
- Confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

- **Protocol 1-** Indirect COVID-19 contact or student exhibits symptoms or fever based on screening
 - Student must quarantine for a minimum of 72 hours or until symptom free
- **Protocol 2-** Student tests Covid positive
 - Student must quarantine for 14 days
- **Protocol 3-** Student has *direct contact** with a Covid positive individual.
 - Student quarantines for 14 days or until a negative Covid result

We will be limiting school supplies to enable students to move from class to class without crowding at lockers. Please refer to the school supply list below.

School Supply list for all grades

- One 3-ring zip up binder
- 6 dividers with pockets
- pencil pouch for binder
- highlighters (yellow, pink, green, blue)
- scissors
- glue sticks
- loose leaf paper
- 3 composition notebooks
- earbuds
- color pencils

Classroom Safety Precautions

- Classrooms doors will remain open during class changes to avoid students having to touch door handles
- Classroom desks/tables will be sanitized between each class and disinfected each night.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wear masks, especially during group activities and any situation where safe distance cannot be maintained, but masks are not required.
- Teachers will encourage social distancing in the classroom.
- Passes out of class will be limited unless a student has a specific medical condition requiring otherwise filed with the school nurse
- Student desks and classrooms will be arranged to maximize physical space and improve distancing.



Cafeteria Safety Precautions

- The cafeteria staff will be required to wear masks and gloves at all times.
- Social distancing will be implemented during breakfast and lunch.
- Tables will be disinfected before and after meals and between lunches.
- Grades will alternate eating in the cafeteria or classroom weekly to reduce numbers and improve social distancing.

Check-in and Check-out Procedures

Parents will not need to enter the building when dropping off a late student. The student will sign themselves in at the front office. Upon arrival, the student will have their temperature checked.

Parents wanting to check-out a student will need to call the office; an office staff member will escort the student out upon parent arrival. At this time, you will be required to show identification in order to ensure the safety of the student.

Any visitor to the building will be required to wear a mask upon entry and will have a temperature check and health screened.

Parents/guardians needing to speak to a teacher or administrator can make an appointment via email or contact the school secretary.

Parents/guardians who need to drop off personal items for a student will use the buzzer system and then place the items at the door. School staff will collect the items, notify the student, and deliver the items.

Outside guests will be limited to essential and pre-approved visitation. Cafeterias will be closed to parents and outside guests, as well as the utilization of volunteers, except by a pre-approval system with the school administrator.

Thank You

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, we greatly appreciate your support and flexibility as we work through day to day decision making. We will continue to follow the guidance of the Tennessee Department of Education, the CDC guidelines, and engage in safe and healthy practices for all students, faculty, and staff, and community.

Please feel free to contact the school at any time with questions or concerns. We are excited to see our students and look forward to a terrific year at Fayetteville Middle School. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all work together to provide our students with a quality school experience, while also being sensitive to current circumstances

****Please note that FMS and FCS reserve the right to adjust protocols and procedures as needed***