



**ESSER III / Safe Start  
Back-to-School Plan  
2021-2022**



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## Phone Directory

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Principal – Cheri Zacharias	
McGregor Elementary School	(254) 981-3204
Principal – Tonya Burgess	
Assistant Principal – Janis Royal	
H.G. Isbill Junior High	(254) 840-3251
Principal – Kelly Tharpe	
Assistant Principal – Tim Seward	
McGregor High School	(254) 840-2853
Principal – Seth Fortenberry	
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## District Plan for Masking and School Closure

STAGE 1: PREVENTION & MITIGATION	STAGE 2: MODIFIED OPERATIONS	STAGE 3: CAMPUS CLOSURE
<p>As long as the COVID positivity rate on a campus remains below 2% during a period of seven calendar days, masks will remain optional for all employees, students, and campus visitors.</p> <p>If the COVID positivity rate on a campus reaches or exceeds 2% within a seven calendar day period, all employees, students, and campus visitors will be required to wear a face covering for seven calendar days or until the positivity rate drops below 2%, whichever is longer.</p> <p>If the COVID positivity rate on a campus reaches or exceeds 5% within a seven calendar day period, the campus will be closed for a period of seven calendar days.</p>		
Campus COVID Rate < 2%	2% ≤ Campus COVID Rate ≤ 5%	Campus COVID Rate ≥ 5%
<b>FACE COVERINGS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED</b>	<b>FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED</b>	<b>CAMPUS CLOSED FOR SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS</b>
<b>QUARANTINING OF CLOSE CONTACTS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>QUARANTINING OF CLOSE CONTACTS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD</b>	Disinfection of campus including buildings and buses
Standard schedule for all students	Standard schedule for all students	All campus auxiliary areas are closed
Monitoring COVID trends	Monitoring COVID trends	Extracurricular activities on hold or canceled
Limited visitor access	Limited visitor access	
Daily intensive cleaning practices	Daily intensive cleaning practices	
Frequent cleaning of common areas	Frequent cleaning of common areas	
Deep cleaning in classrooms with identified cases	Deep cleaning in classrooms with identified cases	
Short-term campus closure if necessary	Short-term campus closure if necessary	
<p><b><i>Per CDC guidance issued on 1/29/21 and updated on 6/10/21 and 8/27/21, face coverings are required on school buses. All passengers two years of age &amp; older are required to wear face masks on MISD buses.</i></b></p>		
<p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school's population is the combined number of students and employees on that campus.</li> <li>• The positivity rate is determined by the number of students and employees that test positive for COVID within the last week divided by the school's population.</li> <li>• Seven calendar days is based on a rolling seven calendar day average from each day.</li> <li>• Monitoring and staging decisions are made on a campus-by-campus basis.</li> </ul>		
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decisions are made with the best information available at the time and are subject to change with limited notice.</li> <li>• Per TEA guidance, individuals who are vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days are NOT considered close contacts. Proof of vaccination or a positive test may be submitted to be considered for exemption from the quarantining requirement.</li> <li>• While McGregor ISD will encourage compliance, students and staff members will not be forced to comply with masking recommendations.</li> </ul>		

# 2021-2022 MISD Academic Calendar

adopted: 02/25/2021

## McGregor Independent School District 2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

1st Semester - 82 Days  
2nd Semester - 93 Days

August 2021

M	TU	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September 2021

M	TU	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

October 2021

M	TU	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

November 2021

M	TU	W	TH	F
[1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

December 2021

M	TU	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	*17]
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

January 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
3	[4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

February 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18]
21	[22	23	24	25
28				

March 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

April 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14]	15
18	[19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	*25]	26w	27w
30	31			

June 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

July 2022

M	TU	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

### REPORTING PERIODS DAYS

1st Six Weeks	27
2nd Six Weeks	25
3rd Six Weeks	30
4th Six Weeks	33
5th Six Weeks	33
6th Six Weeks	27
Total School Days	175
Preparation/Inservice/Comp	10
Total Days	185

### STUDENT HOLIDAYS DAYS

Labor Day	Sep 6
Thanksgiving	Nov 22-26
Winter Break	Dec 20-31
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan 17
Spring Break	Mar 7-11
Good Friday/Easter	Apr 15, 18
Inservice Days	Aug 6, 9-17, Jan 3 May 26, 27

Early Release Days Dec 17, May 25

Bad Weather Days	May 26, 27
MHS Graduation	May 27
Last Day of School	May 25

### CODES

New Staff Inservice	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Holiday	<input type="radio"/>
Reporting Period Begins - [	
Reporting Period Ends - ]	
Bad Weather Days	<input type="radio"/>
Preparation Day/Inservice	<input type="checkbox"/>
High School Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Testing Dates - t	
Early Release Days - * 1:30pm	

## On-Campus Instruction Plan

### Overview

On Thursday, June 24, 2021, the McGregor ISD Board of Trustees met to make decisions related to the instructional model to be offered in the 2021-2022 school year. Key points that were considered included:

- The lifting of the mask mandate by Gov. Abbott
- The elimination of quarantining requirements by the Texas Education Agency
- The mandate that prohibits teachers from participating in both in-person and remote instruction
- The elimination of funding for remote learners
- The declining number of students participating in remote instruction in MISD
- The wide-spread availability of COVID vaccines
- The overall poor performance of remote learners during the 2020-2021 school year

It was decided that McGregor ISD will open the 2021-2022 school year with in-person/on-campus instruction as the only option for students. The district will continue to develop and revise health and safety protocols for 2021-2022 that are aligned with guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities.

*Please Note: Back to School procedures and protocols are subject to change as updated guidance is provided by the TEA, local/state/federal health officials, or local/state/federal governance.*

### First Day of Instruction

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

### Campus Schedules / Hours

- McGregor Primary: 7:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- McGregor Elementary: 7:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Isbill Junior High: 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- McGregor High School: 8:00 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

## **Parent / Guardian Role**

Parents and guardians should take an active role in their student's education through partnership with their student's campus in the following ways:

- Participating in school functions and parent / teacher conferences
- Keeping the school informed of any changes in telephone numbers, email, or physical addresses
- Checking for communication from the school and reviewing their child(ren)'s work
- Spending time each day reading, writing, listening, practicing math skills, or just talking to their child(ren) about his or her school activities
- Encouraging their child(ren) to be respectful of others within the school community by setting a good example
- Ensuring that COVID positive students do not return to school until all readmission criteria are met

## **Campus Visitors / Closed Facilities**

For the 2021-2022 school year, McGregor ISD will remain closed for breakfast and lunch. In addition, MISD campuses will not accept outside deliveries of food for students or staff.

MISD campuses will be closed to outside vendors and solicitors.

Campus access will be granted for activities including parent teacher conferences/meetings and Admission/Review/Dismissal (ARD) meetings.

## **After Hours Indoor Events**

Indoor events, including fine arts performances and grade level performances, will be scheduled to allow maximum attendance by parents and families.

## **Athletic Events**

Indoor after hours athletic events will be open to the public and subject to any restrictions enacted by federal, state, or local authorities.

All outdoor athletic events will be open to the public and subject to any restrictions enacted by federal, state, or local authorities

## **Health and Hygiene**

McGregor ISD is required to comply with the most up-to-date Executive Orders from Governor Abbott concerning the use or wearing of face coverings. As of March 2, 2021, Executive Order GA-38 lifted the statewide mask mandate. Beginning June 5, 2021, the wearing of masks at all MISD campuses and activities was a matter of personal choice.

Currently, challenges to GA-38 are working their way through the court system. Guidance from the CDC states that passengers 2 years of age and older must wear a mask on buses operated by public school systems.

In addition, to protect the health and safety of all students and staff members, MISD will:

- Limit the sharing of school supplies when possible.
- Remove all non-essential items from classrooms to allow for physical distancing.
- Provide hand sanitizer and opportunities to participate in hand washing activities.
- Maintain existing COVID signage encouraging proper etiquette for coughing and sneezing.
- Continue cleaning protocols established in 2020-2021

MISD has not developed a policy requiring students or staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

Many lessons were learned during the pandemic. The following pandemic practices will remain in effect:

- All buildings are deep cleaned during the summer months, prior to school opening each year in August. Additional deep cleaning is done during holiday breaks as a general operational procedure.
- All classrooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects.
- Contract with a filter replacement service so that HVAC filters are replaced on a regular basis.

## **COVID Specific Protocols**

MISD is required to:

- Exclude from attendance any student or staff member who is COVID positive or who exhibits COVID symptoms
- Provide class work to excluded students via the appropriate learning management system
- Notify local and state health authorities of all lab-confirmed COVID cases



TEA guidance allows schools to:

- Require household-based close contact students to quarantine during the stay-at-home period if they are in an area with high or rising COVID case rates. This applies to students who are close contacts because an individual who lives in the same household is COVID-19 positive.
- Siblings may stay at school if they can show they have been fully vaccinated (provide copy of vaccination card) or tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days (provide proof of positive test).
- Require unvaccinated staff members identified as close contacts to test periodically if they choose to remain at work.

MISD will continue to:

- Support the right of individuals to wear masks or face coverings
- Encourage vaccinations as an effective tool to ensure the safety of students and staff
- Offer COVID rapid testing to individual students and staff members as needed and appropriate
- Notify families of positive cases identified among students and staff
- Provide instruction to excluded students via the appropriate Learning Management System
- Provide a link to the MISD COVID Dashboard

MISD will not:

- Require daily attendance checks for excluded students
- Provide daily teacher/student contact for excluded students
- Conduct contact tracing; individuals may make a personal choice to quarantine if they are exposed to COVID
  - Vaccinated individuals are not considered close contacts
  - Individuals who have been COVID positive in the past three (3) months are not considered close contacts

Readmission Criteria for Symptomatic Positive COVID Cases:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset
- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication
- Symptoms have improved

Readmission Criteria for Asymptomatic Positive COVID Cases:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of the positive test

Readmission Criteria for Individuals Self-Quarantining Believing They are Close Contacts:

- Stay-at-home period can end on day 10 if no symptoms develop and no COVID testing is performed
- A negative result from a COVID infection test after the close contact exposure ends

### **Parent Conferences / Virtual Meetings**

Virtual meetings proved to be of great benefit during the pandemic. Parents who are unable to attend meeting in-person are encouraged to attend virtually.

### **Students with Disabilities**

McGregor ISD will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and in coordination with local/state/federal health organizations.