



Durant High School

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DURANT HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Disclaimer:

The conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are continually evolving, and Durant High School and Durant Independent School District's Safe Return to School Plans will be constantly evaluated to adapt to the continuing trends of the COVID-19 virus, especially in Durant and Bryan County.

Acknowledgements:

The District Plan and Durant High School Campus Plan were developed by a variety of stakeholders including parents, teachers, nurses, administrators, counselors, custodial, maintenance and transportation staff. We wish to thank all of the individuals who contributed time and perspective to the development of these plans.

Durant High School – Safe Return to School Plan

Durant High School is committed to ensuring that all students, staff, and community members remain healthy and safe by adhering to best practices in the following areas:

- Safety Protocols
- Instructional Plans

Durant High School Safety Protocols

Virus Prevention Strategies

- Students will receive instruction on hand washing/sanitizing.
- Students may bring a clear water bottle/beverage container to fill with water. Container must be clear and must be empty when entering the building.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. Students are required to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting each class period.
- All Durant High School faculty and staff will self-screen daily. As stated in the DISD P.L.A.N., parents are responsible for screening their students before coming to school. In accordance with the Oklahoma State Health Department recommendations, all DHS students will be required to wear a face covering—unless there is an existing condition that would meet one of the allowable exceptions. Those instances will be handled on an individual basis. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has developed the Oklahoma COVID-19 Alert System; a four-tiered risk measurement tool with corresponding color categories that identify the current COVID-19 risk level. This tool offers the public and local elected officials an easy way to recognize each

county's risk level. Durant Public Schools will be following these levels and will REQUIRE MASKS, per the guidelines below, when Bryan County is in any level other than green. These levels are published every Friday for the following week at <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/covid-19-alert-system>.

During levels of Yellow, Orange and Red the following guidelines apply to students, faculty, staff and visitors of Durant ISD.

Grades 9-12

Masks are required at all times with the exception of meals, PE, recess.
Medical exemptions allowed with valid written medical documentation.

Transportation

Masks are required by ALL ages while riding the bus.
Medical exemptions allowed with valid written medical documentation.

- Class sizes make it difficult to keep desired separation. However, every effort will be made to disinfect and distance at times that students cannot wear a face covering. Students will be required to maintain distancing as physical space allows, such as passing in halls, cafeteria, common areas and other larger spaces.
- Bathrooms and commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times per day.

Entering

- Students entering prior to 8:00 a.m. will go directly to the commons area. Faculty on duty will direct students to the appropriate area to stay until released for first period. Students may remove their face covering only while eating.
- Commons occupancy will be reduced by providing additional seating areas. Furnishings will be arranged to provide maximum distancing. Students will not be allowed to rearrange furnishings or move chairs to other tables. Students will not be allowed to change seats once seated.
- Students are required to wear a face covering, over the nose and mouth, at all times unless they are seated for breakfast/lunch and eating. They should resume wearing the face covering as soon as they finish their meal.
- Faculty supervision will be increased to ensure compliance to safety requirements.
- Staff will be posted throughout the building to ensure distancing and direct travel to classrooms.
- Loitering will not be allowed.
- The drop off in the morning for car riders is at the front of the building. Personnel will be present in the parking lot to direct traffic to ensure a safe and orderly drop off. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Transitions

- Students are not allowed to congregate or loiter in the halls at any time.
- Students will travel on the right hand side of the halls and stairways will be dedicated to one-way travel in order to maintain distance.
- Students will spend a minimal amount of time in the restrooms.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom and will be required when entering and exiting each class.

Lunch

- Commons occupancy will be reduced by providing additional seating in the practice gym. Furnishings will be arranged to provide maximum distancing. Students will not be allowed to rearrange furnishings. Students will not be allowed to change seats once seated.
- Students are required, when mandated by the district, to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times unless they are seated and eating. They should resume wearing their face covering as soon as they finish their meal.
- Faculty supervision will be increased to ensure compliance to safety requirements.
- To help minimize the amount of people who will be in the front office area, Durant High School *will not* accept deliveries of lunches to students.
- Students are allowed to bring a lunch with them but microwaves will not be in use.

Dismissal

- Car riders will release at 3:15 pm and immediately exit the building.
- Parents/guardians picking up students will be directed to park in the front parking lot and wait for their child. Security personnel will direct cars to available parking spaces.
- Students will be expected to disperse to their cars immediately to keep students from congregating in the building or in the student parking lot. It will also be very helpful for parents to be in the parking lot promptly at 3:20 pm, or before.
- Additional faculty will monitor halls and escort students.
- Bus riders release at 3:20 and go directly to their bus at bus loop if their bus is on campus or to commons area for late arriving buses. Students in the commons area will remain seated until they are dismissed to their buses.
- All students are expected to leave campus by 4:00 p.m. unless participating in a sponsored after school activity.

Visitors

- Only essential visitors are allowed. Essential visitors are those that are required for the operation of the school.
- Parents should make appointments in advance of coming to the school.
- If it is necessary for parents to check-out their students early, parents should call the office in advance and check their students out by using the kiosk in the front office.
- The outside doors will remain locked. Parents/visitors should press the buzzer for assistance.
- To help minimize the amount of people who will be in the front office area, Durant High School *will not* accept deliveries of any kind from outside of the school to Durant High School students. If an extenuating circumstance warrants the delivery of an item to a student, parents must call the front office to make a request. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Instructional Plan

- Face to face instruction will be provided.
- All teachers will prepare and use a seating chart to assist with student safety and COVID tracing.

- Virtual Learning will be provided according to the district plan. Students are required to complete an application for virtual learning. A link to the application is in the District P.L.A.N. available online. Please access the application by going to www.durantisd.org.
- Durant High School will provide online instruction for remote learners utilizing a combination of Infinite Campus, Naiku, Google Meet and other online resources.
- Participation in Honors and AP courses must be in person at DHS. There are no honors or AP courses in the virtual software contracted with DPS.
- Participation in extracurricular activities will be allowed for at-home/virtual learners. However, students must attend classes in-person that correspond to any OSSAA sanctioned activity. Examples: Students participating in before/after-school athletics must attend a scheduled athletic period in-person. Students participating in before/after-school band activities must attend a corresponding scheduled band period in-person. If you have any questions about OSSAA sanctioned activities and their corresponding classes, please contact the director of the program (athletic director, band director, etc.). Transportation will not be provided in this scenario. Students will be expected to leave campus immediately when not attending classes. If a student/parent chooses not to come to campus for this purpose, a scheduled change will need to be made.
- Students' schedules may require them to report to school for an extracurricular activity before school and return to campus at a later time during the day to attend a class that corresponds to the extracurricular activity. If a student/parent chooses not to come to campus for this purpose, a scheduled change will need to be made.
- Remote learning students in elective CTE courses that require hands-on learning or physical demonstration of skills on campus will be required to attend in person to complete a required assignment or project that could not reasonably be completed remotely. If a student/parent chooses not to come to campus for this purpose, a scheduled change will need to be made.
- The following CTE courses could be subject to the requirement for students to be on campus to complete required hands-on assignments or projects: Examples: Agriscience, Health Science, Culinary Arts, etc.
- Students electing to enroll in Virtual School may only take 3 or less in person courses at DHS.
- All Students participating in any competitive event will adhere to the home site COVID safety requirements.
- The final exam exemption policy has been eliminated pending the pandemic.