

First Baptist Academy of Universal City PREK-12th Grade

The Mission of First Baptist Academy of Universal City is to educate students for time and eternity by presenting God's truth in all areas of education and character development.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS

To ensure students, families, and faculty are all well prepared for our transition back to campus, as well as the start of a new school year, we will continue to hold the valued (although modified) orientations and events below. Additional school events and dates will be evaluated after the school year begins.

Make your Tuition Payment by August 15th

K-12th Grade:

Purchase PE Clothes and This Year's Spirit Shirt
Get Your School Uniform/Shoes
Do Your Summer Reading

New Student Orientation, Parent Night- **Wednesday, August 12th**

You will receive a video by email that will introduce you to your teacher and our school. Please make sure to review the video and email your teacher with any questions you may have prior to our Back-to School Night.

Back- to- School Night

Monday, August 17th

This will be a time where your student will come and meet their homeroom teacher. We will also have stations to visit so you can begin the school year off knowing as much as possible. You must sign up for a time to come using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084E88AA2BA1FB6-back>

Make sure to bring your school supplies. We will also be checking temperatures at the door.

First Full Day of School
Tuesday, August 18th

MITIGATING RISKS

We are convinced that a Christian education delivered on campus and in person is best for our families and is the preferred mode of instruction for our teachers and students. At the same time, we do not take lightly the health risks and, consequently, are making extensive efforts to mitigate them. Some of these efforts include:

- Thoroughly training all faculty and staff on safety protocols prior to the start of school
- Spending the first several days of school training students on—and practicing and reinforcing—new safety protocols
- Providing teachers with the necessary PPE
- All parents and visitors will undergo a verbal screening questionnaire, to include a temperature screening, during their check-in process when visiting the school. We are limiting visitors on campus by appointment only. Any visitors to campus will be required to complete the COVID-19 release form, and they will be required to wear a mask.
- Classroom doors, as well as non-fire hallway doors, will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.

- Students must bring their own water bottles labeled with their name. If a student does not bring a water bottle, a disposable water bottle will be provided, and the student's account will be charged accordingly.

SCREENING AND MONITORING OF ILLNESS

We must all commit to supporting our community's health and wellness and agree to keep our children, and ourselves, at home when we are not feeling well, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have potentially been directly exposed. Students, faculty, and visitors should not come to school if they are exhibiting any signs of illness. COVID-19 related absences are not counted against students; however, assignments must still be turned in.

Temperature checks of all persons (students, faculty, and visitors) will be completed once arriving to school. If a person has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they are considered infectious and they will not be allowed on campus.

Illness Presented

- If a student or faculty member becomes sick at home with any symptoms, cough, fever, muscle aches, generally not feeling well, we ask that you notify us, and the student or faculty member must stay at home. Follow our current illness policy to understand the return to school policy. If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, a pediatrician or doctor must be called for guidance. Please phone us and share that guidance so that FBA will know how to proceed with our next steps of notifying the proper and required people, and/or authorities.
- If a COVID-19 test will not be administered to determine if you are still contagious, children and faculty can return to FBA after these three things have happened:
 - No fever for at least 24 hours (or current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, whichever is greater) without the use of medicine that reduces fevers
 - Other symptoms have ceased (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
 - At least 24 hours (or current CDC guidelines, whichever is greater) have passed since symptoms first appeared
- If a COVID-19 test is required to determine if person is still contagious, children or faculty can return to FBA after these three things have happened:
 - No fever for at least 24 hours (without the use medicine that reduces fevers) AND
 - Other symptoms have ceased (cough or shortness of breath) AND
 - Received a negative test

Confirmed COVID-19

- For a student/faculty member who tested positive for COVID-19 or has a member in their household that tested positive, the following must happen to be allowed to return to campus:
 - It must be 10 days since the confirmed positive test or current CDC recommended time frame
 - It has been at least 24 hours (or current CDC guidelines, whichever is greater) since the individual's symptoms have improved, including cough and/or shortness of breath
 - At least 24 hours (or current CDC guidelines, whichever is greater) have passed since symptoms first appeared
- Parents, to include faculty, will be notified by email if a person has tested positive for COVID-19

and has been in close contact with their child/other faculty within two days prior to symptom onset or two days prior to being diagnosed with COVID-19. Those exposed must self-monitor for symptoms and follow our current return to school policy.

For clarity, close contact is defined as:

- a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield)
- b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Cognizant of guidelines and recommendations, we will conduct educational activities that allow for as much physical distancing as possible, especially when indoors and/or students are stationary. Faculty will configure their classrooms to maximize spacing between desks.

FACE COVERINGS

Government and health authorities, including the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the TEA, have advocated the effectiveness of face coverings in minimizing the transmission of the coronavirus. Consistent with their recommendations, we will require, until further notice, the use of face coverings by all adults and students 4th grade and up when physical distancing is not possible and/or people are in a common area or during a transition. A note from a medical doctor must be provided for a mask not to be required. PreK-3rd grade are highly encouraged to wear face masks, though they may do so at the discretion of their parents. Our teachers are permitted to remove their masks when speaking at the front of the classroom. When moving about the class, teachers will put their masks up. If anyone forgets a mask, one will be provided for them.

MASK UP

- Upon Arrival
- At Dismissal
- In common areas and transition times, including but not limited to hallways, lockers, bathrooms, stairwells, the elevator, and specific classroom situations where physical distancing is not possible

MASK DOWN

- Seated at a desk or properly physically distanced
- Outdoors, except at specific times of day including morning arrival and afternoon departure
- Eating

SIGNAGE

Signs will be placed throughout the campus to remind our community of the need to physically distance and wear face coverings where appropriate. Signage will also be placed in all restrooms emphasizing proper handwashing techniques. Additional signage will be posted demonstrating the proper techniques for coughing and sneezing.

HANDWASHING AND HAND SANITIZER STATIONS

Hand sanitizer will be in each classroom, with additional hand sanitizer stations placed at numerous locations around campus. Handwashing will be incorporated throughout the day.

CLEANING AND SANITIZING

Our team will spray CDC-/EPA-approved products on surfaces daily. Frequently touched surfaces will be wiped daily during our campus clean-up time built into our bell schedule and again during evening cleaning.

Students and faculty will be trained to wipe down their work areas before sitting down and before departing each class period.

Students will use their own supplies whenever possible and will wipe down any shared supplies before and after each use.

Evening janitorial staff will clean and disinfect all school used facilities.

CAFETERIA

The delivery of hot lunches and milk will be postponed for the first nine weeks, at which time we will reassess. The students will need to bring their own packed lunch. Vending machines will remain accessible for 6th-12th grade.

Elementary students will be sitting with their class and positioned every other chair and diagonally from one another. They will also be distanced from other grades in the lunch room.

Middle School and High School students' lunch times will be staggered and they will be divided from one another. Each student will be positioned every other chair and diagonally from one another.

We will not be allowing lunch visitors for the first nine weeks. Once the nine weeks has been completed, we will revisit this area.

RECESS

Unstructured, outdoor time is essential for the physical health of our students. Therefore, recess will continue. Students will not be expected to wear masks, but they will be expected to social distance as much as possible.

ELECTIVES, FINE ARTS, AND ATHLETICS

Students will continue to participate in our extracurricular activities using the same safety protocols we will have in school as these are integral parts of our curriculum.

Athletics will follow the guidelines of Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). Indoor Games: Temperatures will be taken before entering the building. Masks are required. Outdoor Games: Social distancing is recommended. Masks are not required outdoors.

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY STATEMENT

First Baptist Academy of Universal City (FBA) will monitor guidelines for coronavirus health and safety plans provided by the Texas Department of Health and Human Service as well as local city and county authorities. We exercise our right to change this document exercising appropriate care as we continue to work with our governing bodies. Parents and employees must read and sign a waiver at the beginning of the school year releasing FBA and First Baptist Church of Universal City (FBCUC) of any liability regarding COVID-19.

Our thanks go out to the Texas Private Schools Association for their continued guidance and counsel, as well as their sharing of other Christian schools' reopening plan documents.