

Health and Safety Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

(Note: this plan is subject to change due to new guidelines and current data at any time)

Southland Christian Academy plans to begin our 2021-2022 school year on campus on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021. Our framework for opening requires parents and employees to ensure that **only healthy individuals are entering the campus**. A "Healthy Only" framework provides the greatest level of "normalcy" but depends on students and employees to remain at home if they display any flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with others who are symptomatic. Those who do not adhere to this plan may lose their privilege to return to campus for the duration of the pandemic.

The school facilities will receive increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing, as well as increased grouping of students by grade level. However, the disruption to typical classroom routines will be minimized to the greatest extent possible in order to support student and staff socio-emotional health, as well as best-practices of instruction.

Plan Item	Protocols
Classrooms & Facilities	 All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels. Common areas including the pavilion will be cleaned & sanitized throughout the day. Classroom doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the campus Students may only touch or handle their own learning materials (e.g., textbooks, pens). Students may not touch or use another student's materials, backpack, or any other item without first disinfecting the item.

Parents, Staff & Visitors

- All parents, staff and visitors are required to wear a mask or face shield.
- Grade K-5 parents are permitted on the school campus only for the purpose conducting school business in our office.

Health Screening on Campus, and Home Health Screening Agreement

- Temperatures of all persons (e.g., students, employees, parents) will be checked prior to fully entering the campus.
- It is recommended that any person who has traveled out of the country or to a Covid-19 "hot spot" self-quarantine for no less than 14 days with no symptoms appearing prior to returning to school.
- Any student that exhibits a fever of 100+ will be isolated from others and parents will be notified to pick up their child.
- Any employee that exhibits a fever of 100+ will be directed to leave campus immediately.
- If a student/staff presents any possible COVID-19 symptoms, the office will notify parents/staff to be sent home.
- If a student/staff has a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours and must provide a doctor's note.
- In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions:
 - Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
 - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath?
- Absences due to Health Screening restrictions will not be counted as school day absences.

Masks

- We acknowledge the benefits of utilizing masks and face shields to help prevent the spread of disease, and any family/student is welcomed to maximize this safety precaution by requiring their child to wear a mask/face shield while on campus.
- Students are required to wear masks or face shields while indoors.
- All parents, staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask or face shield while on campus.

Physical Distancing & Minimizing Exposure

Drop Off / Check in / Check Out:

- Student drop-off begins at 6:00 AM in the daycare for those with daycare service.
- Students will have their temperature taken before being allowed to sign in for the day.
- Students checking in after 7:30 AM are to be dropped off at the Pavilion Gate for temperature check.
- Students will be checked out and released at the Pavilion Gate at regular dismissal time.

Classroom:

- Upon entering the classroom students will sanitize their hands.
- Students will be instructed not to share items with their classmates.
- Recess schedules are designed to minimize students on the playground.

P.E. & Recess:

- Heavy contact sports will not be permitted during Physical Education classes or recess times.
- Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.

Facilities:

- Clear plexiglass dividers are installed in the Preschool and Elementary School offices.
- Reminders will be displayed throughout the school (classrooms, hallways, bathrooms) for students and staff:
 - Stay 6' apart when possible
 - Proper and frequent handwashing
 - How to stop the spread of germs
- Fire drills, and lockdown drills will be modified to maintain proper physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Personal Items	 All personal items brought to the school by a student or employee should be disinfected prior to being introduced to the campus. No personal items may be shared (e.g., backpacks, food, clothing). Learning materials may be shared only once disinfected (e.g., textbooks, tablets). All personal items must be labeled with the student's name (e.g., water bottles, notebooks, backpacks, jackets).
Lost and Found	 This year, it will be very important for all school items, including jackets and other items of clothing, to be labeled with the first and last name of the student. All lost items will be secured and held for only one week. After one week, items will be donated to a local charity.