

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We are entering the 2021-2022 school year with excitement and optimism! Last year was a very challenging year for teaching and learning; therefore, we plan on addressing some of the gaps that we experienced to get students back on track. We will continue to monitor COVID 19 and variants by continuing to work with the state and county health departments and adjust our plans and protocols accordingly. The education and wellbeing of our students are our main goals. We appreciate your continued support. We will continue to have procedures in place for the safety of all children and adults. I have listed them here for your review:

School begins on August 9th, in person. We do not plan on offering distance learning or online instruction and attendance during the 2021-2022 school year. Again, we will continue to monitor the public health status with our state and county partners and will keep you informed of any changes.

CDC Guidance

Each building within our school district will continue to follow the guidance that has been provided by the CDC, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Department of Education consistent with the health and safety of our adults and children. The following policies and procedures will be implemented in all areas of the Littlefield Unified School District:

- Optional face coverings-by adoption of the LUSD9 Governing Board masks are optional
- We will encourage the frequency of hand washing (20 seconds), or use of hand sanitizers and reinforce proper hygiene and cleaning practices
- We will continue to intensify the cleaning and disinfection practices in our schools
- We will practice social distancing recommendations and minimize the number of students in common areas when possible
- We will require that visitors follow all protocols we have in place for the safety of our students and adults on campus
- Students, teachers and staff will complete a brief screening daily, including a temperature check prior to reporting to duty or classes and before entering the school bus
- Shared materials will be cleaned frequently. Chrome books may be issued to each student to use for the entire school year (This may vary between elementary and high school).
- Ask staff and students to stay home if they are sick
- Additional safety practices that may be added under direction of the CDC through state and local school board governance

Lockers (High School): We will start the year without assigning lockers. Students can carry their items in a backpack which they will hang on the backs of their chairs in class. We will re-evaluate this periodically and make changes if needed. A backpack and school supplies will be provided to all students of LUSD9, courtesy of Pappas Kids in conjunction with Rotary of Mesquite.

Line-up: During the line-up times at lunch, before classes, etc. we will make an effort to encourage proper spacing of students and

We will continue to be in close contact and work together with our state and local health agencies and others to monitor public safety and to do what is best for our community. We must keep in mind that our plans must be flexible, as they sometimes change to adjust to new information. Let us be supportive of the importance of helping our students get back on track and remain strong to the finish. Together we can make it a great year!

Sincerely,

Darlene McCauley, Superintendent
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Littlefield Unified School District