



Nina Harris ESE Center “The Hurricanes”

Hurricane Season 20-21 – Taking the World by Storm



General Information

Welcome back! We are so excited to have your child back with us once again. Due to the continued challenges presented by Covid-19, we will have some temporary revised processes to ensure your child’s wellness and safety.

Cleaning

- Each day our school will be thoroughly cleaned using a rigorous protocol outlined by our District. You can view the cleaning processes utilized in my principal email.
- Our plant operators will also be cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Teachers and classroom assistance will be provided with their own individual, safety approved sanitizing products so that classrooms can be wiped down throughout the day. Shared supplies will be minimal, and sharing will not take place without sanitizing any materials and hands first.

Classroom Environments

- Seating has been modified to ensure social distancing.
- All excessive equipment has been removed.
- Waterless soap stations are located throughout the campus to ensure that students clean their hands throughout the day. **Teachers will require students to clean their hands before and after all transitions.**
- Students will transition to the art/music/ PE areas for specials. Sanitization procedures will be used to wipe down table surfaces and chairs between classes.

Student Wellness Expectations

Each day parents will be asked to assess their child’s health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- Temperature above 100.4/chills
- Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home
- Been in close contact (15 minutes or more at less than 6 ft) with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days

Students who exhibit any of these symptoms while at school will receive care in a space away from other students and staff. A separate clinic space will be utilized for everyday student care. Parents will be called to pick up their child immediately.

Face Masks

- Students will wear masks at all times while at school unless they are eating or during a time set aside for a mask break. Masks must have the student's name in permanent marker on the outside. Approved masks must completely cover the student's nose and mouth.
- All students will receive five washable masks at the beginning of the school year, students may wear their own mask as long as it completely covers their nose and mouth.

****Personal Protective Equipment- PPE (masks, face coverings and shields):** Understanding that there may be students, due to the nature of their abilities, who will not be able to wear/utilize a mask/face covering, staff in those cases will need to wear a mask/face covering and shield. In addition, social distancing to the maximum extent possible should be considered when developing lessons and activities. Therapists, teachers and other staff working with students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, will need to wear face shields, but not masks/face coverings to ensure proper communication. **Shields will also be worn by all Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs)** when providing therapy and students should wear shields for speech therapy. For staff that may not be able to socially distance, it is expected that they wear appropriate PPE as determined by the ESE department. Staff will receive training regarding processes and procedures for delivery of services.

Arrival

R'Club will be back on Campus this school year. Please sign up with R'Club in advance. Please call 727-578-5437 for information.

School hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Car Arrivals

- All students arriving by personally owned vehicles (POV) will park in the front parking lot. There are lines and signs indicating where to wait; social distanced, while we accept students into the building. We will open the front doors at 9:50 to start accepting students. Parents and guardians should wait with student until they pass through the front hallway doors and are greeted by a staff member. Parent or guardian should exit through the right side. When the front atrium is empty the next student may enter with his/her parent or guardian.

Car Pick-up

- **This year we are practicing a new procedure for student pick-up by parent or guardian.** Each family that chooses to pick up their child will be given 3 car pickup signs/tags for their vehicles. Nina staff will verify information for student safety prior to providing parents/guardians with vehicle tags.
- At approximately 3:45 all students who ride home in a POV will come to the front main hallway. Numbers will be placed along the baseboard (on the outside of the office). Students will be supervised there until their number is called.
- As POV's arrive in the car loop in the front a staff member will radio call into the supervising staff and ask for the student to be brought to the bus loop. A white board will be available in the waiting area with all student numbers and will be marked off as students are called to leave.
- Each vehicle must have the car tag to enter the loop. If they do not have a tag they will be asked to park in the lot and walk to the door to sign a student out following normal sign out procedures.

Breakfast/Lunch

Students will be eating breakfast and lunch inside the classrooms.

PTO Meetings/SAC Meetings

Required PTO meetings will be virtual for the first quarter of the school year. Each month, a link will be sent to your email so that you can view the meeting. An electronic confirmation form will be attached to the presentation so that you will receive credit for the meeting. We will keep you updated on any changes to PTO meeting processes throughout the year.

School Advisory Council meetings will also be virtual for the first quarter of the school year. SAC members will be contacted with meeting dates and times within the first two weeks of school.

Visitors

In order to limit exposure for all students and staff, the district will **limit campus and facility visits by any nonessential visitors, community organizations, businesses, municipal partners, and speakers.** Essential visitors are defined as those with business critical to the operation of the district (e.g. contractors, deliveries, members of the Department of Health, etc.).

All essential visitors, community organizations, businesses, municipal partners, and speakers must make an appointment to visit the Administration Building, Walter Pownall Service Center and school sites. Visitors without an appointment may not be granted entry into a facility. The processes below will be reviewed at the end of the first quarter to determine if changes can be made.

At this time, all volunteer/mentoring opportunities will be conducted virtually, unless directed by the school principal and approved by the Area Superintendent/Chief. All individuals entering a school or district building must follow the protocols outlined below.

- Prior to a scheduled visit, all individuals must affirm their wellness by completing the **COVID-19 Self Screening Tool**.

Other School-Wide Events

Information regarding Open House and our Annual Title 1 Night will be communicated to families soon after the start of school.

Many of our school's most popular events involve students and families gathering in groups. A schedule will be published each quarter outlining which events will take place based on the safety expectations at that time.

Families who select My PCS online for the first quarter will continue to be an important part of our school community. We will be reaching out regularly to all families to ensure that your child is progressing and having a successful school experience.

I know this is a challenging time for all of us and we want to assure you that your child's safety is our top priority. Nina Harris has always been and will continue to be a positive place for your child to learn and grow.

This year we have adopted the theme "Nina Harris – Taking the World by Storm"



Jacqueline M. Cassidy

Principal

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