

Biggs Unified School District

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Biggs Unified School District is pleased to announce the re-opening of our schools. This is being done for two reasons: one the County Health Department is allowing school to re-open and two Biggs and Richvale Elementary waivers have been approved. Although it is very exciting to think about students being on campus, it also comes with a caution that we need to be very deliberate about returning students to in-person learning. The number one priority for me is returning everyone to school safely so that we do not have to close again. I know that school closure can happen, but I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure that there will be very little disruption to the school day once we get going!

The district will be doing a roll out re-opening at the Elementary level. The reason behind this is to make sure students, parents, and staff create safe routines and process to ensure the safety of all. The Elementary school will be divided into two groups, Group A and B. Both will attend in person from 8:00 – 12:00. Group A will attend in person on Monday and Tuesday, Group B Thursday and Friday. While one group is attending in-person the other will be joining the class through Zoom. Both groups will attend class on Wednesday through Zoom while the rooms are being thoroughly cleaned. We will continue with the split groups until winter break and then re-evaluated the schedule based on health guidelines.

The re-opening for Biggs Elementary will be phased in as follows:

10/19/20 -TK, K, 7th & 8th and SDC

10/26/20 -1st, 2nd and 6th will be added

10/29/20 – 3rd, 4th, 5th will be added

Please see the Elementary school website for detailed information on face covering, temperature checks and other requirements for attending school. Biggs High School will re-open on October 19th with a similar schedule being used for distance learning. Please check the H.S. website for the rotation of periods.

The district will provide transportation, but we encourage as many families as possible to bring students to school. Students from the same families may sit together, while others will need to be separated. All students will be temperature checked before being allowed on the bus and will be required to wear face coverings.

I know the frustrations of not being able to just open immediately with all students all day. Please know that we share your frustration, however, please understand ALL that goes into the daily routine. Our number one goal of keeping students, staff and your home safe.

I'm going to use a quote from Mr. Rutledge (High School Principal/Football coach) "It's not about when you start practice, it's how late in the year you get to have practice". Some districts may start school with all students on campus, our goal is to keep students attending school throughout the year.

Additional information and schedules will be coming from each school site. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time.

Sincerely,

