

# Sulphur Springs ISD

## 2020-2021 Back-to-School FAQ

### Last Updated: June 29, 2020

1. When will we return to school?

The first day of school for students is August 18, 2020. Teachers and staff will return on August 6, 2020 for professional development

2. Are we changing our school calendar?

No, at this time we are not changing our District calendar that was adopted in the spring.

3. Will SSISD allow my student to be educated at home/virtually?

Yes, families may choose for their students to be educated via the SSISD Virtual Academy beginning in the fall of 2020. The Academy will not require students to attend face-to-face instruction.

4. Will SSISD allow my student to return for face-to-face instruction?

Yes, families may choose for their students to be educated via face-to-face instruction. We do not yet have the guidance we need to know what is permissible as far as student/teacher ratios, classroom capacity limits, social distancing guidelines etc. However, at this time, we are working on multiple plans at every campus level to satisfy a range of possible regulations once they are made available.

5. How will SSISD keep students safe in face-to-face instruction?

SSISD is working on its plan to protect students during face-to-face instruction. More information will be available once guidance is received from the state.

6. If we choose either the Virtual Academy or face-to-face instruction, can we switch during the school year.

Yes, participation in the Virtual Academy is a fluid option, though changes may be limited to the nine-week grading period if possible.

7. Can students who participate in the SSISD Virtual Academy also participate in athletics, band, and other extracurricular activities?

Yes, students who are participating in the SSISD Virtual Academy may also participate in extracurricular activities if they satisfy UIL requirements, are enrolled in the applicable course, and able to attend on-campus practices and competitions.

8. Will SSISD provide bus transportation?

Yes, SSISD will provide bus transportation for face-to-face instruction. However, services may be limited depending on social distancing guidelines from the state.

9. Will there be fall athletics?

We do not know. Summer training sessions are underway, and we expect to hear more from UIL soon.