

August 17, 2020

Greetings from Florien High School:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information about the beginning of school and hopefully to put your mind at ease with all of the changes that are occurring. First let me say that I know some of these decisions will not be popular, however please know that decisions were made based on providing a safe environment for kids. By now each of you should have received a call or text from someone at the school notifying you which days your child will be attending school. If you have not received a call or text, please call the school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The following is a list in no particular of information that you may be of interest to you:

1. Drop off time this year starts at 7:15 a.m. If your child will eat breakfast at school, it is extremely important that you drop them off in time to eat breakfast and be ready to start class at 7:45 sharp.
2. If they have not already done so, bus drivers will be contacting you with the estimated morning pick up and evening drop off time for bus riders.
3. All students must have their temperature checked and mask on prior to exiting the car.
4. All students must have a mask to enter the building. Students in grade preschool through grade 2 will be allowed to remove their mask once inside the classroom. Students in grade 3-12 will be required to wear their masks at all times. Students will be allowed mask breaks throughout the day on a schedule that will be determined.
5. Parents and other visitors will not be allowed to enter the building unless it is absolutely necessary. If there is a need for parents and visitors to enter the building, masks along with temperature checks will be required.
6. Kindergarten teachers will be contacting you to set up an appointment for you to deliver kindergarten students school supplies to school so that the kindergarteners do not have to carry those down the hall on the first day.
7. A new normal school day of instruction will be much like it was prior to Covid with the exception of children in grades preschool through grade 8 will not move from class to class. Teachers in those grades will move instead of the students. Students in grades 9-12 will move from class to class following social distance guidelines.
8. Students will continue to have at least 30 minutes of graded physical education each day. However, students will not be allowed to dress out. Physical

education will consist of primarily outdoor activities following social distance guidelines.

9. Each student will eat breakfast and lunch inside their classroom. Students will not be allowed in commons areas to eat breakfast or lunch. Students may continue to bring their lunch if they so choose.
10. Students will be allowed to go to the restroom on an individual as needed basis.
11. The school will provide bottled water at no cost for students in the classroom who wish to have some throughout the day. Personal water bottles or cups will not be allowed.
12. When students are at home on their alternating days, they **are** responsible for completing all online or paper pencil assignments. These assignments will be graded.
13. Beginning September 8, 2020 all students in grades preschool through grade five will attend school everyday, Monday through Friday. Students in grades 6-12 will remain on the alternating schedule.
14. All online assignments on the alternating days will be delivered via Google Classroom or through paper pencil.
15. Per Parish policy, at the time of this letter, only students that will be 100% online learning or in dual enrollment classes will be receiving Chromebooks to take home. All other students will receive their Chromebooks by the end of September.
16. Students who drive to school must be at school, temperature checked, mask on and in the building by 7:45 each day. At that time the back doors will be locked and students will be required to come to the front of the building to check in. No exceptions.
17. Due to social distancing guidelines, students will **not** be assigned lockers at this time. Students will use their backpacks to carry needed materials to and from school each day.
18. Dress code for this school year has not changed. Please refer to the Florien High School Handbook which can be found at [www.sabine.school/fhs](http://www.sabine.school/fhs)
19. There have been some changes to the Sabine Parish School Calendar. Please refer to that calendar at [www.sabine.school/fhs](http://www.sabine.school/fhs) for the updated calendar.
20. Extra measures recommended by the CDC are being taken each day to keep the building and busses clean and sanitized for the safety of your children.

This letter has been developed to help everyone better understand what a typical school day will look like. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school between now and Thursday. Please understand that this could change if there are changes made by Governor John Bel Edwards. This information can also be found on

the Florien High School Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/108593597542546/>