

August 21, 2020

Parents/Guardians,

We appreciate your support as we work through the challenges of the first couple of weeks of remote learning. We have heard good things and things we surely can improve upon. We are working diligently to make our Canvas courses easier to navigate. We are most excited to actually get to see our students in person beginning August 31 with our Ramp-Up Plans outlined below.

Ramp-Up Plan for In-Person Instruction at McCullough Junior High School, Week of August 31, 2020

We will welcome McCullough Junior High students by alphabetical group according to their last name on the designated day as indicated below.

| Day | Date | Alpha Group | Red/Green Day Schedule |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday | August 31st | A-C | Green Day |
| Tuesday | September 1st | D-J | Red Day |
| Wednesday | September 2nd | K-Q | Green Day |
| Thursday | September 3rd | R-Z | Red Day |

During this week, each group of students will receive an orientation to the campus and will attend the appropriate classes according to the Red/Green Day Calendar. Students will attend on their assigned day only. This will give us an opportunity as a campus to teach and practice our protocols with small groups of students before we have all traditional, in-person students back on September 8th. The rest of the week, they will continue with their remote learning in Canvas. No students will be on campus on Friday, September 4th.

Face Coverings - The expectation is that all students will wear a face covering. Personal face coverings must cover the nose and mouth to maintain effectiveness. Personal face covering must be school appropriate, non-offensive, not considered derogatory or otherwise disrespectful to staff, students, or visitors. They must not contain vulgar slogans/designs/graphics, profanity, etc.). Personal face coverings should be secured and not have loose material that may get caught in machinery or cause injury. Face coverings must be worn by all students as developmentally appropriate and feasible on buses, in school common areas including restrooms and cafeterias, during transitions, and when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible.

Advisory - Advisory will be an extension of third block in order to minimize hallway activity and changing of classrooms. During advisory time students may work on homework or other unfinished classwork.

Arrival - Students will be allowed to arrive at 7:45 a.m. to facilitate more car riders. Around 8:10 or 8:15 a.m., all students will report to their first block class. There will be a grab-and-go breakfast after 8:15 a.m., and students will be allowed to eat breakfast in their first block classroom.

Dismissal - We will have to dismiss in waves with the last group of students leaving their classroom around 4:10 p.m.

Bell Schedule - We will stagger the transition between classes to decrease the number of students in the hallways at the same time. Attached below is a copy of the bell schedule we will use during Ramp-Up Week. We may make slight adjustments to the schedule that will go into effect on September 8th.

Bring Your Own Device - Students will be allowed to bring their own device this year in order to reduce the amount of sharing. They will also be allowed to use their cell phone as a learning tool in class. Teachers will establish protocols for when it is appropriate for students to use their cell phone and when it is not appropriate.

Backpacks and Lockers - Students will be allowed to carry their backpack this year to decrease the number of students in the hallways. Each student will still be assigned a locker but will most likely not need to use it since they can carry their backpack to class.

Food/Item Drop Off - We will no longer be able to accept lunches dropped off by parents. If a student forgets their lunch, they will be allowed to charge it in the lunch line. We will arrange curbside drop off for other forgotten items such as homework or projects.

PE Clothing - Students enrolled in PE will need a minimum of one pair of shorts and a t-shirt. These items may be ordered online at <https://nhathletics.com/mccullough-pe/>.

Private PE - Private PE students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

Roadmap for Reopening - There is a wealth of information from the district on the [Roadmap for Reopening](#) site. I encourage you to visit it if you have not already. This website is updated daily.

Student IDs - Child Nutrition has printed a card for each student with a picture and barcode for no-touch charging in the lunch line. These cards will be distributed to students during Ramp-Up Week.

Student Handbook - The McCullough Student Handbook Supplement for 2020-2021 is now available for review on our website. Please click on the following link to review both the McCullough Supplement and the CISD Handbook. <https://mccullough.conroeisd.net/department/get-involved/policies-procedures/>

Water Fountains - Water fountains have been disabled. There are a few water fountains that will be retrofitted for water bottle filling. Students will be allowed to bring a water bottle container to school.

Canvas Notifications - Adjustments can be made to Canvas notification settings in order to personalize the delivery of messages or emails sent to parents. Please see the video link on how to adjust Canvas notification settings. <https://conroeisd.instructuremedia.com/embed/f394754f-eb78-4c3c-a3f8-cffc5ad55e78>

Canvas Grades vs. Student/Parent Access Grades – Student/Parent Access will contain official grades for each individual assignment and the most up-to-date cumulative average for the course. Canvas grades are not weighted according to the school grading policy and will not provide an accurate reflection of student achievement.

Ambassador Program –Ambassadors are 7th and 8th grade student volunteers who help new students become acclimated to McCullough Junior High School. As an Ambassador, students will assist peers new to McCullough for a few days after they register. This might be helping with the schedule, figuring out lunch, and of most importance, making them feel welcome at our school. Selections are based on corresponding grade level and lunch periods. Please be sure to include interests and activities both inside and outside of school. See the attached application (below) if interested in applying, and be sure to circle the appropriate grade level. Please email the application to remberton@conroeisd.net, who will keep it on file for the year.

Thank you, parents for all that you do for us at McCullough. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jill Houser, Principal
McCullough JHS

[McCullough JHS Bell Schedule](#)
[Ambassador application 2020.pdf](#)