

Collins-Riverside Middle School

Opening of School Plan 2020

The Collins-Riverside Middle School faculty and staff are looking forward to another great school year! As we come closer to opening it is important that we share a brief summary of our plan to open school during the current pandemic. We have compiled a list of things that will help you to better understand what this school year will look like at Collins-Riverside. As you know, things change from day to day as we try to live with the new normal of COVID-19. We strongly encourage parents to frequently check the website and the school's social media accounts for updates.

Face Masks: Currently, there is a state-wide mandate to wear face masks when you are within six feet of a person from another household. Students 7+ and employees will be required to follow the mask order guidelines from the Alabama Department of Public Health. Masks will be provided by the school system, but students are also welcome to wear their own but it must meet the dress code policy.

Buses: Students 7+ will be required to wear a mask on the school bus per the Governor's mandate. If the mandate is lifted, students will be HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to wear face masks while on buses. Students will have assigned seats and will use the same seat each day. Buses will be sanitized after routes every day.

Morning Drop Off: Drop off begins at 7:20. Please do not drop off before this time we do not want large crowds to gather before the doors of the school are open .

Bus riders will arrive at school near the side entrance behind the softball fields. Once inside the gate the students will report to their designated hallway. 6th graders will enter the main building by the front office and proceed up the stairs to the 6th grade hall to their 1st period class. 7th graders will continue straight through the pathway between the two buildings and enter the double doors near the lunchroom and then proceed to their 1st period class. 8th graders will enter the door that leads into the 8th grade hallway and then proceed to their 1st period class.

Car riders will be dropped off at the front of the school near the gymnasium entrance and will enter the double doors near the concession stand. 6th graders will use the entrance and proceed up the stairs by the gym to their 1st period class. 7th graders will continue straight down the hall to their 1st period class. 8th graders will walk through the main hall and through the breezeway to the 8th grade hall.

***Late arrival – students that arrive late (after 7:50) either by bus or by car that would like to eat breakfast will proceed immediately to the lunchroom to eat breakfast and then will report to 1st period once finished. Temperature checks may be utilized in these locations if it is recommended by the ADPH.

Afternoon Dismissal: At 3:00 pm we will begin calling for the bus/car riders according to the buses and parent vehicles that have arrived on campus. Car riders will be picked up in front of the school and will be given a windshield sign to be placed in the front passenger side of the vehicle to aid in the dismissal of students.

Classrooms: In addition to our regular cleaning schedule, each classroom will receive cleaning supplies and teachers are encouraged to clean and use hand sanitizer and soap throughout the day. Student areas will be cleaned after each period. At the end of each day, classrooms will be sanitized with a special misting machine. While in classrooms, students will be spread out as much as feasibly possible. Students will not be allowed to share school supplies.

PE: Students will participate in PE each day. They will not be dressing out. They are encouraged to bring extra athletic shoes appropriate for physical activity. Classes will be separated. PE classes will be outside as much as possible. The gym and PE equipment will be sanitized with the misting machine between each rotation.

Water: Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of water each day. Water fountains will not be available for use.

Lunchroom: Students will go through the serving line and receive pre-packaged foods. We HIGHLY ENCOURAGE parents to add funds to student lunch accounts using MySchoolBucks.com. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, the lunchroom will only be filled to half capacity each day. Classes will alternate every 9 weeks eating in the lunchroom. It will be scheduled on a rotational basis. The days the classrooms are not in the lunchroom they will either eat outside or in the classroom. Lunchroom tables will be cleaned and sanitized between each class. Guests will not be allowed to eat lunch with students until further notice. We are asking parents to be sure to send all lunch items to school with students. We are not allowed to have students bring a lunch in a restaurant container.

Restrooms: In addition to regular cleaning, restrooms will be sanitized using the misting machines at the end of each day.

Visitors/Volunteers: Visitors and volunteers are not allowed during this time. ONLY emergency will be accepted by office staff.

Check-Ins & Check-Outs: If a student needs to check in or out, the parent/guardian must accompany them to the front door and ring the bell for assistance. A staff member will bring the check-in/check-out slip to the door. Visitors will not be allowed to enter the building during check-ins/check-outs.

Hallways: We plan on students moving in single file and in one direction as much as possible. We will have adjusted transition time for the designated grades between classes. We will also have signs throughout the building to direct students.

Excuses for Absences: Students who are ill should not attend school. As possible, parents/guardians should e-mail 1st period teachers the excuse.

Nurse/Sickness: In the event that a student runs fever while at school, they will be isolated in a quarantine room close to the nurse's office until parents/guardians pick them up. If you are called to pick up your child due to illness, **they must be picked up within an hour.** Sick students should not be left at school for an extended period of time.

Remote Learning: Off-Campus Learning is known as REMOTE learning. Students who choose this option will need access to an ipad, laptop, or desktop (NOT Chromebook). REMOTE learning will take place in 9 week increments. Teachers will upload weekly assignments If you choose to do REMOTE learning. Your child cannot return to school until the end of the 9 week period. REMOTE learning will also take place in the event of a school shutdown or student quarantine. This will be delivered via Schoology.com and SchoolsPLP.

Medication Drop Off: Please call or email Nurse Stephens to arrange. brstephens@tcss.net

