



Fort Thomas Unified School District #7

Empower Students, Ensure the Future

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August 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

Distance Learning Plan: Our Distance Learning Plan can be found on the District's website, available at [FTUSD Website - Distance Learning Plan](#).

Mitigation Plan: Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 can be found on the District's website, available at: [FTUSD Website - Mitigation Plan for In Person Learning Plan Overview](#) and [FTUSD Website - Mitigation Detailed Plan for In Person Learning Plan](#)

Attendance Requirements

Your child will need to participate in the District's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The District's distance learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact:

- Parent attendance documentation - set up with classroom teacher/school
- Online video participation
- Phone call, email, text/chat messages
- Assignment/bellwork submission

Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between six and sixteen years of age must attend a school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.
- The child's parent or guardian must enroll the child in a school and ensure that the child attends the school for the full time that school is in session. Our District is currently anticipating conducting 148-days of instruction during the 2020-21 school year.
- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact your local school's attendance clerk.

Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services

Beginning on August 17, 2020, we will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **are not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision and strategic support for students in need during standard school hours, and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in distance learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the day, please contact **your child's school office** to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service.
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the District or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

Target date to begin In Person Learning is set for October 13, 2020 for all campuses.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact **your child's school office**. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review the websites listed below for important updates.***

Thank you,

Shane Hawkins
FTUSD Superintendent

Important Websites

- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at:
<https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51, available at:
<https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>