SAFETY AND SECURITY

1. **What is the district’s requirements for masks?**
   
   All staff members are required to wear face coverings. Students in 4th – 12th grades are required to wear face coverings while on MISD property, including buses. Pre-K students through third grade are highly encouraged to also wear protective face coverings. The chance of contact tracing a “close contact” distinction is drastically lessened when all parties wear some type of face covering. This, in turn, allows us to keep our campuses open for Traditional, In-Person learning. Students may remove face coverings if engaged in “rigorous physical activity”.

2. **What are the procedure for testing for COVID-19 for students and staff?**
   
   Every morning, all MISD students and staff are expected to go through a screening process for COVID-19 symptoms. A checklist has been provided by the district. Anyone who has these symptoms should not come to a MISD facility and should contact their health care provider and their school.

3. **If a teacher or students tests positive, does the whole class have to quarantine at home for 2 weeks or 10 days per CDC?**
   
   No, if a student comes into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, he/she will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to campus during that time and will be enrolled in Remote Learning.

   Close contact is defined as
   (a) Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
   (b) Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination. *For this reason, masks are highly encouraged for all students.*

4. **How will parents be notified of a positive case of COVID-19 on campus?**
   
   If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19, all staff and families on that campus will be informed utilizing SchoolMessenger, our district’s notification system.

5. **Have you looked into the safety of the fogging that we were told was going to be done in the schools? Long-term effects are a real concern.**
   
   Our cleaning company uses this product all over the country. We do have a copy of the safety data sheet if someone requests it.
INSTRUCTION

6. Will the online program become more rigorous?
   Some parents have concerns that the level of rigor is too high. Please contact your child’s teacher to work on a plan to meet your student’s needs.

7. Will the district consider adding live instruction for those who remain remote learners at the elementary level?
   Some classes will have live instruction.

8. Are student athletes eligible to participate in online learning?
   Yes, choosing remote instruction does not disqualify a student from participating in any MISD extracurricular activities.

9. How are you going to ensure test security for the children testing at home? How are class rankings not being unfairly impacted?

10. Will remote learning be an option for all of 2020-2021?
    We are not sure at this time.

11. Why doesn’t MISD use Zoom for instructional time with teachers?
    Teachers use Zoom for many different instructional strategies.

12. What is the district’s policy on teaching social justice and critical race theory? Has any new curriculum been considered since BLM?
    MISD teaches the state adopted curriculum, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in all of our classrooms.

13. What are the plans for the continuation of dyslexia services?
    Our dyslexia team has received additional training during the month of August. As student schedules solidify, dyslexia services are being scheduled based on where students are within their intervention plans.

14. How is online learning being prioritized at the elementary level?
    Each grade level will have a dedicated remote teacher.

15. For children continuing to do distance learning, what will the lessons, teacher communications and zooms look like?
    Remote learners will receive the same quality education that MISD has always offered. Remote instruction will be developed using MISD curriculum.
16. What will happen if MISD has to close schools back down?
By reopening for the first two days with complete remote instruction, MISD established protocols and procedures with all students for online instruction. If we had to close schools, we could continue with remote instruction until schools could safely reopen.

17. Will students who are choosing online receive numerical grades?
Yes, online students will receive numerical grades.

18. What are the plans for putting a life skills class back on MHS?
During the construction of Lake Creek High School, the life skills classrooms were specifically designed to better accommodate and meet the needs of our students. Keeping the students combined on one campus allows for our students and teachers to work more collaboratively, sharing resources and ideas in more of a team environment. Our students have more opportunities to socialize and engage with more students within their classrooms. It also helps to build the programs they access outside of their classrooms.

19. What are the plans to re-instate the pier assistance programs and is it possible to give parents the ability to choose what benefits outweigh the risks of potential illnesses for their students and families who are part of the special education programs?
Out of an abundance of caution due to COVID, it was decided to not have the Partners PE option at Lake Creek this year. However, once we are able to resume Special Olympics, we would like to open up volunteer opportunities for Peer Coaches from our secondary campuses.

20. Is it a definite school will start back on September 8, 2020?
MISD is fully expecting to open all campuses for all students on September 8, 2020, for Traditional, In-Person learning.

21. Will there be an opportunity for MISD to issue multiple laptops per families?
MISD is participating in Operation Connectivity which has allowed us to purchase additional laptops at a reduced cost. The order has been placed and it is anticipated to be delivered in 4-6 weeks. As soon as the additional devices are delivered and inventoried, our goal is to provide more than one laptop to families who are in need of additional devices.