

## **Farragut Middle School Reopening FAQ**

### **Will my student get their temperature checked?**

Every student will have their temperature checked when they enter the building. There will be temperature checking stations at three locations in the front for car riders and three locations in the back for bus riders.

### **What temperature is required to enter the building?**

Less than 100.4 degrees. Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will be screened by the school nurse and parent contacted. The student must then be picked up by a parent, guardian, or some other individual on their pickup list.

### **Where will my student go when they enter the building?**

Students without a temperature will go to the gym and the studio theater. If a student has a temperature and has seen the nurse, they will then wait for pickup in our designated holding room in our guidance suite. Students in the gym and studio theatre will sit by grade level with 3 seats between them and wait for dismissal to their homeroom at 8:00 am.

### **What precautions are being taken for students who ride the bus?**

Family members will be asked to sit together when riding the bus to and from school. Students will be seated apart from one another if space allows. Parents/guardians are asked to check their child's temperature before being picked up at their bus stop location and students riding the bus to school will have their temperature taken upon arrival to school.

### **What is the earliest I can drop my student off for school?**

Doors will open for students at 7:35 am.

### **Does my student have to wear a mask?**

Per KCS policy, all students will be required to wear an appropriate mask/face covering while on campus when physical distancing isn't possible unless a student is unable to remove mask/face covering without assistance or has a medical condition or other need preventing it. These circumstances should be noted in the student's 504 or IEP plans.

### **Does my student have to wear a certain type of mask or face covering?**

The requirements of what is an "appropriate mask/face covering" could change depending on our guidance from Knox County Schools. Currently, masks, face shields, and Gaiters are considered appropriate. Students cannot wear a bandanna as a mask.

### **What if my student forgets their mask?**

They will be given a mask to wear.

### **What will lunch be like at FMS this year?**

Students will be required to wear masks while moving through the cafeteria line and when walking to their seats. Students will be seated at least one seat apart while eating lunch. Once seated, students will not be permitted to get out of their seats. They must raise their hands if they need something. If students need to use the restroom during lunch they will be required to wear masks as they travel to and from the restroom. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade will eat lunch in the cafeteria and our 8th-grade students, due to time and cafeteria size, will alternate eating in the cafeteria and their classrooms until we can get more tables for the cafeteria.

**What will dismissal be like at FMS this year?**

Walkers and car riders will be dismissed at 3:30 and they will need to leave campus through designated exits without congregating. Bus riders will be placed in the gym and seated with 3 empty seats between them to wait for their bus to be called. Students cannot be checked out after 3:00 pm.

**What will the classroom set up be like at FMS this year?**

Classroom space is limited, however, the spacing between desks will be increased to the extent possible. The sharing of supplies will be limited. Students will not be assigned lockers for the Fall Semester; exceptions will be made for documented medical reasons.

**Will students still have Related Arts classes?**

The experience of related arts is vital for the growth of our middle school students and will be offered this school year. To help limit daily exposure we have changed Related Arts from two 45 minute classes that meet daily into two 90 minute classes that alternate days (A/B schedule).

**Will there be music classes at FMS this year?**

There will be Band, Chorus, and Orchestra classes this year at FMS. The classes will look a little different in the fall due to restrictions on what students can safely do indoors, but our hope is to expand opportunities during the spring semester.

**What will the process be for FMS visitors this year?**

Visitor access will be restricted to essential personnel and those who have scheduled appointments for school business that cannot be conducted over the phone or virtually. All approved visitors will be required to wear an appropriate mask and adhere to physical distancing requirements. All visitors will be subject to temperature checks. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or greater must reschedule. Outside deliveries including lunches, sports equipment, fast food, flowers, gifts, etc. will not be permitted.

**Will these new guidelines prevent my student from getting sick?**

These new guidelines will not prevent your student from getting sick at school. Our reopening plan is designed to create the safest and healthiest learning spaces using our provided resources and attempts to slow down the spread of germs and disease transmission.

**When will school go back to "Normal"?**

We all hope as soon as possible. It's understandable for students to feel anxious during these uncertain times. Our hope is to return to practices that are more familiar and reduce some of the social distancing requirements when it is safe to do so. We will always take guidance from the CDC, the Knox County Health Department, and Knox County Schools to determine the best course of action in regards to our procedures.