

### **1. What safety measures will be in place?**

- Slidell Jr. High will follow the guidelines set by:
  - the STPPS “Back to School Planning Guide”  
(<http://www.stpsb.org/coronavirus/2020-2021/2020-2021Plan.pdf>)
  - the LA Department of Education “Strong Start 2020 Implementation Guide”  
(<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/strong-start-2020/implementing-strong-start-2020-a-toolkit-for-teaching-and-learning-for-schools.pdf>)
- All staff and students will sanitize their hands prior to entering the school building and every two hours throughout the school day.
- Student temperature screenings will take place before students enter their first classroom of the day.
- Masks worn by all staff and students at all times, in accordance with the STPPS and LA DOE guides.
- Classrooms will be sanitized with every change of occupancy. Restrooms will be sanitized hourly.
- Hallways throughout the campus will be “one-way” in order to eliminate cross traffic.
- Staggered transitions: 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will move between classes at separate times to allow for social distancing.
- Seating arranged to accommodate social distancing in all classrooms, computer labs, and lunch settings.
- To prevent large gatherings, students will report directly to their classrooms when they arrive to school, and breakfasts will be delivered to the classrooms.
- Bathroom occupancy will be managed to ensure student safety.

### **2. How will my child know where go on the first day of school?**

- Student schedules along with “First Day of School Maps” will be mailed home approximately one week before the start of school.
- Students will enter at one of five “sanitizing stations,” determined by their first period class and identified on their “First Day of School Map.”
- Staff and signage will be at all drop-off points to assist.

### **3. What time does school start and let out?**

- School starts at 7:25am (students may arrive as early as 6:55am). Dismissal is at 2:30pm.

**4. Is there a way for my student to meet the teachers and walk the campus beforehand?**

- Beginning August 31, we will host a Virtual Tiger Walk through our school website. By clicking on the “Virtual Tiger Walk” link, parents and students will find short welcoming videos from all of our teachers and administration, as well as additional helpful videos and information that will help parents and students get to know school and campus.

**5. Will there be sports or other extracurricular activities this year?**

- We know the importance of extracurricular activities to student growth and the positive impact that clubs and sports have on all aspects of campus life. We plan to provide our many extracurricular opportunities for students once again as soon as safely possible.
- All STPPS junior high schools are following the guidelines for safe return to sports provided by the LHSAA (more information at [www.lhsaa.org](http://www.lhsaa.org)).
- Some clubs may be able to resume during Phase 3, while complying to group size limitations and social distancing guidelines.

**6. How will students receive their lunch?**

- Students who purchase a school lunch will do so from the school cafeteria. Students will be able to sit and eat in socially distanced seating arrangements in the cafeteria and gym. Students who have finished eating will be permitted to take socially-distanced walks around the front field. Social distancing and appropriate mask wearing will be monitored by duty teachers and administrators at all provided spaces.

**7. Will students have to wear masks during lunch?**

- Yes. They will be permitted to remove the mask while they eat, but required to return the mask once they have finished.

**8. How do I pay for my student’s lunch?**

- All parents are highly encouraged to complete the district *Free and Reduced Meals* application located at <https://cafefr.stpsb.org/>.
- Parents can transfer money to a student’s lunch account at *My Payments Plus* (<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>). Returning 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup> graders coming from one of our four feeder schools will not need to create a new account.

**9. Can I eat lunch with my student?**

- No. Per the STPPS Back to School Guidelines, nonessential visitors will not be allowed on campus except for extenuating circumstances.

**10. Will water fountains be available?**

- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home. Per the STPPS Back to School Guidelines, shared water fountains will be closed but bottled water will be provided and filling of water bottles will be available.

**11. What classes will my child attend each day?**

- While in Louisiana Phase 2, all STPPS junior high and high schools will follow the Hybrid Learning Model, with learning divided between traditional and at-home settings. Students will be grouped alphabetically into one of two cohorts. Cohort A (students with last names A – K) will learn at school on Mondays and Wednesdays and every other Friday. Cohort B (students with last names L – Z) will learn at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Friday. At-home lessons will be provided for students for the days when they do not report to campus.
- In order to reduce student transitions and relocations, students will attend classes on a block schedule. A detailed weekly class schedule is shown below.

2020-21 "Phase 2" Bell Schedule		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
		Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B
Block	Time	Period			
1	7:25 - 9:16	1st	1st	2nd	2nd
2	9:20 - 11:06	3rd	3rd	4th	4th
3	11:10 - 12:36	5th +	5th +	5th +	5th +
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
4	12:40 - 2:30	7th	7th	6th	6th

Friday Schedules		
Date	Cohort	Periods
Sept 18	A	1, 3, 5, 7
Sept 25	B	1, 3, 5, 7
Oct 2	A	2, 4, 5, 6
Oct 9	B	2, 4, 5, 6

**12. During the Phase 2 Hybrid Learning Model, what will be expected of my student on the days that they learn from home?**

- Days at home should still be treated as school days. Teachers will provide assignments that students will be required to complete during these days. To help students become acclimated to our early schedule, it may be helpful to have students follow similar morning routines on their at-home learning days as they do on their traditional learning days.

**13. Why didn't I get my first elective choice?**

- We try to schedule everyone into their first elective choice, but sometimes it's not possible due to the number of students requesting a certain elective or because of schedule conflicts.

**14. What will happen if a student becomes sick or develops symptoms?**

- We will follow the policies and procedures set by the STPPS Back to School Guidelines.

**15. What will be the procedures for checking a student in/out?**

- In order to minimize the number of people in the building, parents will be asked to call our front desk when they arrive on campus. A school secretary will meet parents outside our main entrance with the sign-in/out form and accompany the students to you.

**For info about general school policy and procedures, please refer to our 2020-21 Parent/Student Handbook, located at <http://slidelljunior.stpsb.org/resources/parent-information.html>.**

**If you have additional questions, contact one of the members of our school leadership.**

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