

Georgetown ISD Special Education Summer Procedures

Per TEA guidance issued 5/18/2020 entitled “Summer Instruction, Activities and School Visits: Guidance for Reopening and Student Interaction”, school buildings are now open to instructional activities such as extended school year services and special education evaluations.

In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our teachers, evaluators, and students, and in order to reduce the likelihood of spread of any airborne illness, Georgetown ISD has put into practice the following procedures with regard to Extended School Year services and evaluations for special education. These procedures will be effective for sessions offered during the time frame of June 29 until the end of the designated services, or until GISD schools resumes normal operations. Sessions offered during the summer (before August 15) will be accepted at the family’s discretion. If a family declines to schedule a face to face session during this time it will not impact their agreed-upon educational services or evaluations.

Signage

As required by the TEA, signs must be posted on the campus at least five business days prior to testing. No exceptions.

Arrival

Upon arrival to a GISD facility, the parent and student should remain in the car and call the phone number provided by staff. A staff member will meet the parent and student at the car. The staff will be wearing a mask, and it is encouraged that the student attending the session also wear a mask. The staff will maintain a distance of 6 ft, consistent with social distancing guidelines. Parents and students will be asked to answer questions regarding recent history of potential COVID19 symptoms or proximity to those with symptoms (symptom check-list suggested by TEA is provided below). The temperature of the student will be taken before leaving the car. The evaluator will also submit to the same symptom checks prior to beginning the workday. Students will be taken into the building by staff to a designated and sanitized space. The student will be required to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before sessions begin. Parents will not be permitted to wait in the school building. The parent may remain in their car on school premises or may choose to leave. For evaluations, the parent must be able to return within 15 minutes of a call from the staff member/evaluator.

For students riding district transportation, social distancing guidelines will be followed. The symptom checks-list and temperature checks will be completed prior to a student’s arrival on campus by district staff. District vehicles will also be sanitized daily.

Learning and Activities

During summer sessions, every effort will be made to limit direct contact. Masks will be worn by staff as long as it does not interfere with the validity of a test administration or rapport building with students. Students are encouraged to wear a mask during the duration of their time on campus unless the mask is determined to be a deterrent to the student demonstrating optimal performance. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in the classrooms, and hand washing of more than 20 seconds is encouraged. The testing space, classrooms, bathrooms and materials will be thoroughly sanitized daily.

Departure

Once the session ends, the parent will pick up their student. A staff member will meet the parent at the pre-designated area with their student. Staff will maintain a distance of 6 feet, consistent with physical distancing guidelines. Exchanges will be verbal and waves in lieu of physical contact such as handshakes. For students riding district transportation home after a summer session, physical distance guidelines will be followed, as well as thorough sanitization of the district vehicle.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 within 7 days of testing or completing of ESY services, please notify the district special education office at 512-943-5008. We appreciate your support and assistance during this time, and we will work hard to make this process as smooth and comfortable for everyone as possible.

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CERTIFICATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMER SESSION WAIVER/RELEASE

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Georgetown ISD is offering some in-person evaluations and services to be completed on campuses during the summer. Georgetown ISD has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during these visits to a campus. However, Georgetown ISD **cannot guarantee** that any employee and/or visitor will not become infected with COVID-19 during or after their visit to the campus. Further, coming onto campus **could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19. Visiting a campus to participate in the special education evaluation for your child is completely voluntary and is not required and/or compelled by Georgetown ISD.** If you do not want to visit the campus for this purpose, your child's evaluation will be completed once the district is in normal operations.

Georgetown ISD RULES AND REGULATIONS for summer testing

- All visitors must complete the Certification and Summer Testing Waiver/Release and provide the signed form in order to be granted entry unto the campus or into the building(s).
- Georgetown ISD will be using the following guidelines:
 - No parents allowed in the building
 - No more than one student per room for assessments per day
 - All employees will be self-screening and may be wearing personal protective equipment
 - Parents will wait in the car at the front of building until greeted by a GISD staff member
 - Student temperatures will be taken every day in the car by GISD staff member
 - Regular certification requirements regarding symptoms and possible exposure to COVID-19
 - Hand sanitizer at entry
 - Hand sanitizer available in every classroom
 - Plexiglass will be used to separate the examiner and the student.
 - Student will be required to wash hands and/or apply hand sanitizer before assessment begins
 - Frequent breaks for hand washing
 - Students may be asked to wear cloth face coverings if age and developmentally appropriate
 - Notification and quarantine procedures following any possible exposure or symptoms by any student or staff member

GEORGETOWN ISD RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ESY

All visitors must complete the Certification and Visits to Campus Waiver & Release and provide the signed form in order to be granted entry unto the campus or into the building(s).

Georgetown ISD will be following TEA guidance regarding summer instruction, activities, and visits, including:

- o No more than 11 people in an enclosed area
- o Desks 6 feet apart and dividers on desks where practical
- o Student groups will not be combined for any activities
- o No assemblies, field trips, or other group gatherings outside of their class group
- o Maintaining consistent groupings of students and staff to minimize exposure
- o All employees will be self-screening and may be wearing personal protective equipment
- o Student temperatures will be taken every day that they are on campus
- o Regular certification requirements regarding symptoms and possible exposure to COVID-19
- o Hand sanitizer at entry
- o Hand sanitizer available in every classroom
- o Frequent breaks for hand washing
- o Instruction in good handwashing technique and supervised handwashing at least twice a day
- o Students may be asked to wear cloth face coverings if age and developmentally appropriate
- o Notification and quarantine procedures following any possible exposure or symptoms by any student or staff member

- No unscheduled visits will be allowed. All entry and departures will be staggered to maintain social distancing.
- Individuals with underlying health conditions and individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. It is recommended that high-risk individuals, including individuals who live in the same household with older or high-risk individuals, refrain from visiting the campus.
- The school will clean and sanitize bathrooms, doorknobs, and other commonly touched surfaces daily.

CERTIFICATION/SCREENING

I agree and certify to all of the following statements by signing below:

- At the time of the visit to the campus, my child has not been lab-confirmed and/or my child is not waiting for a lab confirmation that they have COVID-19.
- At the time of the visit and for at least 7 days prior to the visit, my child has not experienced any of the following signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste, loss of smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit.
- At the time of the visit, my child has not had close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- I agree to follow the Georgetown ISD Rules & Regulations for Visits to School Campus.

If you cannot agree and certify to **all** of the above statements or if, after the signing the above statements, but before the time of your child’s visit, your child cannot continue to certify to the statements above, **he/she may NOT VISIT THE CAMPUS FOR ANY REASON.**

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to visit the campus and/or go into any facility of Georgetown ISD, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and agree that my visit to the Georgetown ISD campus includes possible exposure to and illness from COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I acknowledge that participating in in-person evaluation activities over the summer is completely voluntary and that my child is not required to participate in in-person evaluation activities over the summer in order to receive an evaluation. Evaluation activity not completed over the summer will be completed when in-person instruction resumes.
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS, OMISSIONS, OR NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS (including Georgetown ISD employees, agents, board members, or volunteers as well as other visitors) and assume full responsibility for my visit to the campus; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for my visit in regards to protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and/or experience any unusual or significant hazard during my presence on campus (including the onset of symptoms of possible COVID-19), I will remove myself from the campus and bring such to the attention of the administrator on campus immediately; and,
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS Georgetown ISD their officers, board members, officials, agents, and/or employees, (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS, OMISSIONS, AND/OR NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Releasees whether a COVID-19 infection and/or any resulting illness occurs before, during, or after my visit to the campus.
6. I recognize that Georgetown ISD, its trustees, agents, and employees have governmental immunity under Texas law, and generally are not liable for claims arising from injuries to my child, including claims based on exposure to COVID-19. I understand that Georgetown ISD, its trustees, agents, and employees are not waiving their governmental immunity that it or they have under Texas law or other applicable law.

I HAVE READ AND CERTIFY TO ALL THE STATEMENTS IN THE CERTIFICATION/SCREENING, I HAVE READ THE ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN BELOW FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of Student: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Student Signature (if adult): _____

Date Signed: _____