



Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind

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August 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's almost here – the first day of the 2020-21 school year and we couldn't be more excited! Our teachers and staff are prepared and eager to welcome your child whether on campus or learning from home. Classrooms and shared spaces have been redesigned, directional floor markings are in place, health and safety signage is posted, dorm rooms are clean and prepped, seating charts are completed, student devices have been shipped, and the list goes on.

As I shared last week, extensive planning has been completed for both brick and mortar and Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) models. Please be sure you're familiar with our state-approved 2020-21 [FSDB Reopening Plan](#).

Here's a few quick reminders and updates:

- Our Family Open House is Sunday, Aug. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. Due to social distancing requirements, only our boarding students and their families may come to campus (unless a day student family needs to drop-off medication). Families may enter through the main gate (Genoply St.), via San Marco Ave. or through the Causeway Gate (May St.). Cloth face masks are required, and temperatures will be taken of students and parents before entering the dorms.
- Parents/guardians of day students are encouraged to visit campus starting Monday, Aug. 31 to have their ID badges made.
- Regular screening by families at home and compliance with wearing masks at school will be necessary to minimize the health risks to everyone on campus. Here's a reference guide about [our COVID-19 protocols](#) on campus.
- [Helpful tutorials about technology devices](#) including iPads and laptops are available to assist students and their families.
- Your child's teacher(s) will be reaching out to you this weekend with information about their websites, lesson plans and other key information. Links to teacher websites are [available here](#) by school. Students' course schedules are available via Skyward.
- Exciting changes have been made to our [FSDB Facebook page](#) and school and program groups. Please take a moment to follow FSDB on Facebook and join your child's school group to stay updated and engage with staff and fellow parents/guardians.
- Our schools also are each launching their new newsletters – stay tuned for more information from your child's assistant principal or director about how to stay informed.

Thank you for trusting FSDB with the education of your child. We look forward to a wonderful and safe 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Julia Mintzer
Interim President & Administrator of Business Services