Marfa Independent School District

School Year Information
2023-2024

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Marfa ISD 2023-2024
School Year Information

Marfa ISD is excited to welcome our students and staff members back to school. Guidance from local, state, and federal officials and agencies have been utilized, and will continue to be followed, in the District's plans for the 2023-2024 school year.

The District is working to ensure a safe and productive educational experience for our students, our staff, our parents, and our community. Below are the current plans for the Marfa ISD schools. **Please note that the details of this plan are subject to change based on updates with our community health needs, and any requirements or recommendations from local, state, and federal authorities.**

Thank you, parents, teachers, and community members for your input regarding our upcoming school year.

KEY DETAILS

Marfa ISD will begin in-person instruction with the first day of school August 16, 2023. Remote/asynchronous learning and instruction will not be offered in the 2023-2024 school year unless required by local, state, or federal authorities.

Accelerated instruction will be required for any student who did not pass STAAR grades 3-8 or EOC assessments. Accelerated instruction will be delivered as supplemental instruction before or after school or during the school day to meet the new legislative HB4545 requirements. Accelerated Learning Committees will be established to create individual student plans for students who did not pass a STAAR test in grades 3, 5 or 8 math or reading.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND HOURS

- All students will need to register for the 2023-2024 school year using the new online registration. The district will offer in-person registration at the campus office.
- See the Marfa ISD 2023-2024 school calendar attached at the end of this document for the most up-to-date school calendar. The first day of instruction is August 16, 2023.

- School hours will be as follows:
  - Marfa Elementary First Bell: 7:45am Last Bell: 3:50pm
  - Marfa Jr/Sr High School First Bell: 7:40am Last Bell: 4:15pm

ATTENDANCE AND GRADING PROCEDURES

Full-time in-person on campus instruction only offered:

- Attendance—students must report to each class at the required time in order to be counted present for the day (Elementary) or for the period (Jr/Sr High)

EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

Students may choose to participate in athletics, extracurricular activities, student activity groups and specific CTE courses.

These extracurricular activities include:

- All UIL activities (athletics, cheer, academics)
- Welding
- Art
- Robotics
- Other CTE courses to be determined

CAFETERIA

Cafeteria Safety Plan

If Sick DO NOT come to work if you are feeling ill (fever, cough, body aches, sneezing, runny nose etc.).

1. Learn what to do if you are sick.
2. Those in your home who are sick should isolate themselves from others.

Hand Washing

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

2. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Wash hands before putting gloves on and after taking gloves off.

Coughs and Sneezes

1. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
2. Throw used tissues in the trash.
3. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Kitchen Area

1. Practice good hygiene before and after your shift.
2. Sanitize the kitchen prep areas before starting work for the day.
3. Change gloves frequently (with every new task!)
4. Sanitize work areas before and after each task.
5. Only food service staff may be in the kitchen; the exception: when students & staff are going through the serving line & for delivery of food service items.
6. Staff will wear gloves when putting away deliveries & wash hands after removing gloves.

HEALTH/SAFETY PLAN

General guidance:

- Monitor the potential impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Presidio county and adjoining counties, and follow guidance provided by local health professionals.

Campus Procedures:

- Hand washing and/or hand sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- All students, who are able, will wipe down their desks and chairs with disinfectant multiple times throughout the day, if required. The teachers and students will play a role in the daily cleaning process as needed.
- If a student has a fever higher than 99.9 degrees, he/she will be isolated and then sent home until they are 24 hours symptom-free, with no fever-reducing medication.

Positive Cases of COVID-19 on Campus:

- Beverly Dutchover, Marfa ISD nurse, is the District's contact tracing specialist. If a positive case is reported, she will complete a contact tracing investigation to determine if other steps need to be taken.
- If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who have or are suspected of having COVID-19, and must immediately notify parents if this is determined while on campus. As noted in the rule, exclusion shall continue until the conditions for re-entry are met:
    - For children and staff with symptoms, at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved.
    - Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 5 days after the day they were tested.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.

Marfa ISD
Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
2023-2024

Marfa ISD is committed to the health and safety of every student and staff member as well as that of our community. We will follow the guidance and best practices of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), and local health officials.

CDC COVID: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

TDSHS: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/

TEA COVID 19: https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance

Marfa ISD requested input from a variety of stakeholders including students, families, school and district administrators, teachers, principals, school leaders, school staff, stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, migratory students, or other underserved students.

Input was requested through discussions with respective groups.

The plan will be updated as needed to reflect recommendations from the CDC, State and Local Health officials, and UIL.

Marfa ISD will ensure a safe and productive learning environment during the upcoming school year. Marfa ISD is dedicated to ensuring continuity of services including food service and student health. All instruction for 2023-2024 will be in-person. Marfa ISD will seek to address academic, social, emotional, mental health and other needs through a variety of services.

Marfa ISD continues to follow CDC and TEA guidelines to mitigate and respond to COIVD-19. Guidance related to the following will be monitored and adhered to: infectious disease, COVID-19 mitigation and response, social distancing, PPE recommendations, health monitoring, quarantine, sanitations and ventilation guidelines.

In response to COVID-19 Marfa ISD will continue the following strategies to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors and community:

- Increased cleaning, disinfection, and maintenance of facilities and buses, including maintaining an adequate ventilation system.
- Making available recommended PPE, including masks
- Instruction of proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Social distancing when available, including appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
- The following of local health official's directives for isolation/quarantine and contact tracing if recommended,
- Continued monitoring and adherence to CDC and TEA COVID-19 guidance,
- The monitoring of numbers of infected persons in our community, and coordination with local health officials to offer diagnostic and screening as well as vaccinations as needed and available.

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY

To ensure that gaps/lost learning are addressed and supported to improve student academic performance, Marfa School will implement the following:

- Schoolwide Interventions, with a focus on reading, writing and mathematics.
- Interventions for students who are struggling or not on pace to meet current grade level requirements in any subject or assessment, based on benchmark data. (STAAR, Benchmark assessment, etc.)
- Elementary reading
- Computer-based programs to support student learning in areas of concern.
- The district will offer in-person instruction. Due to a lack of staff, remote learning is not an option.
- 100% compliance with HB4545 for all students.
- Professional Development will be focused on and will target the instructional needs of the students. (Region 18)

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL/MENTAL HEALTH SUPORT

- Marfa School will utilize our PLC's, SHAC committee and community input during school improvement brainstorming sessions for ideas and support in this area.
- The school counselor will meet with each grade level a minimum of two times per grading period, offering lessons and support in the area of social, emotional, and mental health.
- The school counselor will also tailor individualized programs for at-risk students and students that are identified by our PLC's
- The school will also make arrangements for outside counseling visits (digital and in person) at the request of MHMR or parents.

Marfa ISD 2023-2024 School Calendar

July 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

9th-15th:Teacher Workday
16th:First Day of School

September 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
				⊘
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	⊘
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	⊘

4th:Labor Day

October 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	⊘
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	⊘
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	⊘
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	⊘
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

20th-24th:Thanksgiving Break

December 2023

M	T	W	TH	F
				⊘
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	⊘
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

22nd-29th Winter Break

January 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	⊘
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1st-5th:Winter Break

February 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	⊘
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	⊘
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

March 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	⊘
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

11th-15th:Spring Break
29th:Good Friday

April 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	⊘
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	⊘
13	14	15	16	⊘
20	21	22	23	⊘
27	28	29	30	31

27th:Memorial Day
31st:Graduation

June 2024

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

{Start/End of Six Weeks}

1st Six Weeks	08/16-09/22	27
2nd Six Weeks	09/25-11/02	29
3rd Six Weeks	11/06-12/21	28
4th Six Weeks	01/8-02/15	29
5th Six Weeks	02/19-04/12	33
6th Six Weeks	04/15-05/31	29

HOLIDAY/BREAK/NO SCHOOL
TEACHER WORKDAY
SHORTHORN SUCCESS DAYS
STARR TESTING

Student Minutes Required - 75,600
Student Days
Student Minutes

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Marfa ISD is pleased to partner with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in order to provide mental health services for our students. The Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) is a school-oriented mental health program servicing children and adolescents in need. A collaboration between the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium and Marfa ISD links children in need of mental health services with mental health professionals (licensed professional counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists). For more information, call TCHATT at 915-215-4070 or call Marfa ISD at 432-729-5500.

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Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

TCHATT is available year-round to support the mental health needs of your students.

TCHATT Provides:

- **Therapy and medication management**
- **Education, training, and support for school staff**
- **Mental health education for parents**

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