



July 31, 2020

Dear Nolan Creek School Families,

We know you have been patiently waiting for more information related to the start of school. With the new changes from the CDC and TEA earlier this week, we have been in close communication and coordinate with Bell County Health Department. Even though the number of cases in Bell County are high, with our small student enrollment we feel like we can safely have an on-campus option for a small number of students with the greatest needs.

We are encouraging all families who can facilitate learning at home to keep their students home during the 3-week transition period. This will help us safely transition to a larger number of students on campus starting in September. This will also allow families without internet access, where both parents are working, and other challenges during this time that prevent them from being able to facilitate learning at home an option for their child to receive instruction.

Bus Service: There will be NO morning bus service from August 19 – September 8. Morning bus service will resume on September 9 at the pick-up locations in Harker Heights and Nolanville. More information on the transportation routes can be found [here](#).

Additional Health Requirements: Following both the CDC and Bell County Health Department recommendations, we are implementing two additional health requirements. ALL students K-8 (not just 4th grade and above) along with all staff and visitors will be required to wear a face covering while indoors unless eating and outdoors when less than 6 ft. apart. Temperatures will be taken by school staff upon arrival to campus. Any individuals with a temperature of 100.0 or over will not be allowed to enter the campus. These items are being updated in our 2020-21 School Start Plan.

Instruction Commitment: Click [here](#) to complete the 3-Week School Start Commitment Form for Nolan Creek School.

A separate form needs to be completed for each student. The 3-Week School Start Commitment Form is due no later than **Wednesday, August 5th**. Any student without a submitted form will be placed into virtual instruction off-campus during this 3-week period.

Instructional Commitment Forms for September 9th through the end of the grading period will be included in the communication next Wednesday, August 5th, along with the campus schedules to help families make an informed decision. Those will be due no later than **5 pm on Wednesday, August 19th**.



Below are a few other important dates and reminders.

August 5 – 3-Week School Start Commitment Form due.

August 5 – Campus schedules for remote and on-campus learning, Instructional Commitment Forms for September 9th – the end of the grading period, and annual registration instructions will be released.

Week of August 10 – Parent Information Sessions will be held. Elementary teacher assignments and secondary student schedules will be released. Specific dates for both of these will be coming soon.

August 17 – 18 – Gateway Prep K-4 and Gateway Tech student device check-out for students who do not have a learning device at home.

August 19 – Deadline to submit Instruction Commitment Form for September 9 through the end of the grading period and annual registration.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we continue to plan for the 2020-21 school start. Stay safe and take care!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Silber'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla Silber
Superintendent/COO
Orenda Public Charter School District