

DeSoto Intermediate
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Greetings,

Welcome to the new school year at DeSoto Intermediate School! This time of the year brings excitement with the anticipation of a return to school. There will be many familiar and welcomed aspects of school like the caring staff that cannot wait to get to know their students. This year also brings some new precautions in order to return to school in a safe manner. We know that some of these changes make the school experience different. Your family support in these mitigation efforts will assist in creating the safest environment for our students and staff.

Open House: The staff at DeSoto Intermediate would like to extend an invitation for our upcoming Open House. We know that this back to school event is important for students and with some changes and precautions, we feel that an Open House event is possible. The goal of our Open House is twofold- to allow students an opportunity to find their classroom and to drop off [school supplies](#).

DeSoto Intermediate School will be holding Open House on Thursday, August 20th from 2:00-5:00 pm.

If you would like to participate in an Open House, we are asking for you to follow these necessary steps.

- Sign up for a 10-minute time to visit the classroom (links to be shared soon)
- Only DeSoto Intermediate students will be allowed to visit their classrooms along with one adult. Siblings of DeSoto Intermediate students or other visitors are unable to attend Open House.
- The DeSoto Intermediate student and one accompanying adult must both wear masks and enter through the main door of the building. Please use any exterior door when exiting.
- Be respectful of the time you sign-up for and limit your time in the building to ten minutes. A chime over the intercom will be used to help families with timing.
- Related Art classrooms will not be available to visit during Open House. We are asking that you only visit your child's general education teacher's classroom and not visit past year classrooms.
- Our school nurse will be located outside during Open House hours if you would like to visit, drop off medications, etc.

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- Richard Beecham, Director of Transportation, will be located outside at Adel Elementary. If you should have any questions about transposition, please visit him at that building or call him at 993-5321

Please know that if your family is unable to attend Open House, an alternative date and time will not be possible. Your student is welcome to bring materials the first day of school or deliver them to the school office if you are unable to attend.

Typically at Open House, your child's teacher would share a presentation or you would interact with them longer than 10 minutes. Your teacher will be sharing a video with information about your classroom and other information that they would typically share at an Open House. In addition, if you would like to visit further with your child's teacher please contact your child's teacher to set up a video conference.

If your child checked out a Chromebook for use during the spring remote learning, we ask that you please bring your child's Chromebook to Open House or on the first day of school. This will be your child's school Chromebook for the 20-21 school year.

Our building plans restrict visitors to the building beyond the school offices, so you will notice that at this year's Open House you will not be able to sign-up for Watch D.O.G.S® at this point in the school year.

We understand that these precautions are different and we hope they are unique only to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Your family's and the staff safety is very important to us. We appreciate your cooperation with the changes we are taking to make Open House occur this year as well as the many procedures we are implementing to the daily practices of staff and students as we begin school this fall.

With your help, we know that this can be a wonderful school year!

Jodi

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