



Freeman School District 33-1 COVID-19 Fall Activities Plan



Recent amendments reflect board action taken on Monday, September 14th.

Statement

The Freeman School District's top priority is, and will continue to be, the health and safety of our student participants, staff, and spectators as we work to provide activities for the 2020-2021 school year. District Administrators have worked with local and state officials to develop the following safety guidelines and protocols for each fall activity. These guidelines and protocols will continually be evaluated to ensure the health and safety of all. If a decision is made to alter, delay, or cancel any of our activities we will issue appropriate communication to all stakeholders and local media. We appreciate your understanding as we diligently work to provide meaningful activity opportunities for our students in the Freeman School District.

Guiding Principles

The Freeman School District Fall Activities Plan was developed with the following in mind:

- Providing a quality education to our students is the number one priority of our school district. We believe that is best accomplished through in-person instruction. As such, a plan for the administration of activities must provide reasonable restrictions, particularly as it relates to attendance, in order to eliminate scenarios that would prevent our district from providing, or continuing to provide, in-person instruction to our students for as long as safely possible.
- Extra-curricular activities are a key component to providing a well-rounded educational experience. Research demonstrates activities positively impact the social and emotional well-being of students. With that said, it is important to understand that extra-curricular activities are about our students and providing them with an opportunity to compete with and against their peers, while also developing the necessary work ethic and leadership skills to be successful in life. As such, a plan for the administration of activities must provide a safe and reasonable means to promote the longevity of each season so that our students do not lose out on the opportunities and benefits provided by extra-curricular activities.
- A plan for fall activities should correspond to the tiered plan/system that applies to the regular day-to-day operations of the school district. Just like any other plan that has been developed, the Freeman School District Activities Plan is subject to change at any time based upon the conditions present in our schools, community, and surrounding areas. Once again, the primary objective of our school district is to provide quality instruction for our students which is best accomplished through in-person instruction. We must do our best to ensure that in-person instruction is subject to as few interruptions as possible.

Spectators

Determining the degree to which spectators are present during fall activities is the focal point of this plan. Clearly our student-athletes appreciate the in-person support they receive from parents, community members, and the student body. Under normal circumstances, we would be promoting attendance from all of those groups

in an effort to provide the largest crowds possible; however, based upon current conditions in our school, community, and surrounding areas, the district must be responsible in developing a plan for spectator attendance that will keep students, staff, and spectators safe. Once again, the primary goal of all our plans is to ensure the in-person instruction of our students can continue with as few interruptions as possible.

We really want to emphasize the following:

- Masks are highly encouraged/recommended for all indoor and outdoor activities. Quite frankly, if we want to see our activity seasons played in their entirety and we want to see in-person instruction continue with as few interruptions as possible, everyone will show the proper respect and wear a mask.
- Spectators that are in attendance are asked to socially distance from non-family members.
- **Home events will be made available in a digital format when possible during the 2020-21 school year (i.e. All home football and volleyball events will be provided via a live streaming median at no cost to the viewer). Information regarding the live streaming of home events will be made available via the Freeman School District website. All spectators are highly encouraged to watch the live stream of home events when available.**

Tier 1 - Specified Event Attendance

Spectator Guidelines – HS Volleyball – (Updated 9-14-2020)

- ~~Each rostered participant will be given four (4) date-specific vouchers for each match. Keep in mind that if there are two (2) or more rostered participants from the same family on the same team, those participants, collectively, will receive only four (4) vouchers.~~
- ~~The visiting school's Athletic Director will be mailed the same number of vouchers for their team.~~
- All adults may attend home events held indoors (no voucher required).
- Siblings of rostered participants may attend home events (voucher required for admission).
- Children younger than 9th grade will not be granted admission to an event unless they are a sibling of a rostered participant (must possess a voucher).
 - Students participating in middle school events will be required to leave the building following the completion of their event when that event is followed by a high school event (unless they possess a voucher as outlined above).
- All Freeman High School students (grades 9-12) and high school students from opposing schools will be allowed to attend provided they possess a valid student ID.
- 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged children will ONLY be allowed to attend if they possess a voucher. These students are expected to sit with a parent or guardian during the event.
- There will be no admission fee for home HS Volleyball matches (Approved by Consensus of the Board on 8/19/2020).

Spectator Guidelines – HS Football

There will no limitations on spectators as this is an outdoor activity and allows adequate space to social distance; however, the guidelines listed above pertaining to 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged

children that attend events should be followed. Children of these ages in attendance at football games are expected to sit/stand with their parent/guardian during the game.

There will be no admission fee for home (in Freeman) HS Football games (Approved by Consensus of the Board on 8/19/2020).

Spectator Guidelines – Cross Country

There will no limitations on spectators as this is an outdoor activity and allows adequate space to social distance; however, the guidelines listed above pertaining to 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged children that attend events should be followed. Children of these ages in attendance at cross country events are expected to sit/stand with their parent/guardian during the game.

No admission fees will be charged for cross country events.

Spectator Guidelines – MS Volleyball – (Updated 9-14-2020)

- ~~Each rostered participant will be given four (4) date-specific vouchers for each match. Keep in mind that if there are two (2) or more rostered participants from the same family on the same team, those participants, collectively, will receive only four (4) vouchers.~~
- ~~The visiting school's Athletic Director will be mailed the same number of vouchers for their team.~~
- All adults may attend home events held indoors (no voucher required).
- Students in grades 9-12 may attend home events held indoors (student ID required for admission). These must be Freeman students or students from the opposing team.
- Siblings of rostered participants may attend home events (voucher required for admission).
- Children younger than 9th grade will not be granted admission to an event unless they are a sibling of a rostered participant (must possess a voucher).
 - Students participating in middle school events will be required to leave the building following the completion of their event when that event is followed by a high school event (unless they possess a voucher as outlined above).
- 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged children will ONLY be allowed to attend if they possess a voucher. These students are expected to sit with a parent or guardian during the event.
- No admission fees will be charged for Middle School events.

Spectator Guidelines – MS Football

There will no limitations on spectators as this is an outdoor activity and allows adequate space to social distance; however, the guidelines listed above pertaining to 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged children that attend events should be followed. Children of these ages in attendance at football games are expected to sit/stand with their parents during the game.

No admission fees will be charged for Middle School events.

Concessions

Concessions will be available for high school events (Football and Volleyball). Concession workers will take the proper precautions to ensure safety.

Busing

The Freeman School District will follow SDHSAA guidelines as it pertains to the busing of student-athletes to and from practices and events.

Tier 2 – Specified Event Attendance

Spectator Guidelines – Indoor Events

- Only parents of rostered players will be allowed in attendance. Date-specific vouchers will be issued to rostered players accordingly.
- The visiting school's Athletic Director will be mailed the same number of vouchers for their team.
- **Attendance may be limited further pending conditions present in the school, community, and surrounding areas.**
- There will be no admission fee for home, indoor, events (Approved by Consensus of the Board on 8/19/2020).

Spectator Guidelines – Outdoor Events

- Each rostered participant will be given four (4) date-specific vouchers for each game. Keep in mind that if there are two (2) or more rostered participants from the same family on the same team, those participants, collectively, will receive only four (4) vouchers.
- The visiting school's Athletic Director will be mailed the same number of vouchers for their team.
- All Freeman High School students (grades 9-12) and high school students from opposing schools will be allowed to attend provided they possess a valid student ID.
- 0 to Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School aged children will only be allowed to attend if they possess a voucher. These students are expected to sit/stand with a parent or guardian during the event.
- **Attendance may be limited further pending conditions present in the school, community, and surrounding areas.**
- There will be no admission fee for home (in Freeman) HS Football games (Approved by Consensus of the Board on 8/19/2020).

Tier 3 – No Practices/No Events

Spectator Guidelines

- All events will be postponed or cancelled as a result of a closure of the school building.