BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ACADEMY AT JAMES D. RYAN

PARENT MEETING REGARDING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
BCMAR PARENT MEETING

- Please mute your microphone.
- If in a busy space, please turn off your webcam.
- What is learned here, leaves here.
- To honor time, type your questions in the chat.
INFORMATION

School begins virtually September 8, 2020 for all students. (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

• Parents may opt-in or opt-out of virtual learning at the start of each six-week grading period.

• Parents may opt for virtual instruction for the 1st semester or the entire year.
REOPENING TIMELINE

• August 24th – Teachers return to work virtually
• September 8th – First day of virtual instruction for students
• September 24th – Virtual Open House (6:00 pm)
• October 19 – Face-to-face instruction available (pending COVID-19 conditions)
• January 29th – Last day of 1st semester
• February 1st – First day of 2nd semester
• June 11th – Last day of school for students
LEARNING PLATFORMS

Microsoft Teams

• Live lessons in Microsoft Teams
• Whole group and small group instruction
• Lessons will be recorded - students will be able to access them later

The HUB

• Daily lesson activities and assignments will be posted and completed in the HUB.
INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

Asynchronous Instructional Model

• Teachers deliver short increments of synchronous instruction (live instruction via TEAMS)
• Intermittent teacher interaction
• Students will engage in learning material on their own time.
• Students complete self-paced activities via the HUB & other digital resources (Imagine Learning, Achieve 3000, etc.)
WAYS TO SUPPORT STUDENT LEARNING

Make sure your student:
• attends online learning daily,
• completes daily assignments, and
• participates during synchronous instruction.
Grades will count:

- Grades will be taken during each grading cycle.
- All cycle grades will be used in the calculation of the final average for any class.
- Students will receive 2 grades per week per subject area.
- Students must complete and submit assignments in the hub.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

• Students must participate **daily** and complete assignments in the HUB.
• Students must engage daily even if all work is completed.
• Students must engage prior to 3:30 p.m. or they will be counted absent.
• Parents will receive an absence notification by 6:00 p.m.
• Assignments must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on the same day.
IN-PERSON LEARNING

• Employees and students will undergo daily screenings.
• Students must have temperatures taken, wear masks, wash hands regularly and practice physical distancing.
• If students are experiencing symptoms, they will be placed in an isolation room. They will need to be picked up.
IN-PERSON LEARNING

• Visitation will be limited to those who have previously scheduled appointments.

• All visitors must wear masks when inside an HISD building.

• Visitors (HISD VIPS) should utilize virtual meetings.

• Lunch visits are prohibited.

• Non-essential deliveries (food, personal items, homework, etc.) are prohibited.
IN-PERSON LEARNING

• All staff and students must wear masks.
• Uniforms are not required this year; however, students must be dressed appropriately (no ripped jeans, spaghetti straps, flip flops, etc.) – due to COVID-19.
• Frequent cleaning of high-touch areas on the campus
• No assemblies; no field trips
PROTOCOLS

• Physical distancing will be required in all HISD schools.
• Students and staff are required to remain 6 feet apart.
• No-touch greetings
• Masks will be provided to staff and students if they do not have one.
• Personal masks must be appropriate for school. Bandanas are not allowed.
PROTOCOLS

• All individuals must routinely wash and sanitize their hands using soap or hand sanitizer.
• Students and employees are prohibited from sharing materials, supplies, equipment, and other items.
• If sharing is necessary, items must be sanitized between uses.
• High-touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized hourly.
PROTOCOLS

• Students/staff who become ill will be isolated.
• The nurse will be notified to report exposure, suspected, or confirmed positive COVID-19.
• Exposed areas will be closed for cleaning and disinfection.
• Impacted staff, students, parents will be notified of closures/possible exposures.
CLOSURE PROTOCOLS

• If the campus has to close, students will resume instruction online/virtually.

• The HUB will be used to deliver instructional content, and Microsoft Teams will be used for video and audio calls.

• Deep cleaning and sanitization will be conducted by HISD Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations team.
CAMPUS PROTOCOLS

• Classrooms – 6 feet of space between desks
• Students and staff may have staggered schedules (alternate between in-person & virtual learning).
• Parents need to ensure that the school has current phone numbers & contact information.
• Plexiglass guards will be installed at shared workspaces.
TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION

• Check the school’s website regarding dates and times for each grade level.
• If a laptop is needed, please email oamado@houstonisd.org to schedule an appointment.
BELL SCHEDULE

School Day – 8:30-4:00 pm

Review: Dean De Dios
VIRTUAL PUP CAMP/ORIENTATION

Dr. Sweeney/Patrice Scott
Saturday, August 29, 2020
9:00am-12:00pm
For incoming 6th graders
DO NOT MISS OUT – STAY CURRENT

• Make sure the school has updated contact information.
• School’s website – www.houstonisd.org/academyatryan
• Reopening – www.houstonisd.org/reopening
• Parent support – HISD@H.O.M.E. - HoustonISD.org/HOME
• Twitter – follow us at BCMAR_HISD
GRADE-LEVEL LEADERS

• 6th grade – Gnelida DeDios – gdedios@houstonisd.org
• 7th grade – Kathy Brown – kbrown42@houstonisd.org
• 8th grade – John Santos – john.santos@houstonisd.org
• Counselor – Keisha Berry – kberry@houstonisd.org
• Tech Support – Otty Amado – oamado@houstonisd.org
This will be a “Year of Flexibility”. It will be “different”, but we will continue to provide excellent instruction for our students. See you soon!