



General PTO Summer Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 23, 2020
Thursday, August 6, 2020

- **Welcome and School Supply Update – Lacey Webster, PTO President**
- **HISD’S Updated Academic Calendar**
- **HISD’S Re-Opening Plan <https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening>**
 - How was the plan developed?
 - Communicable Disease Plan Task Force
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PTO Summer Meeting Agenda FAQs

Virtual Learning

When do we to inform if we are planning on going the whole semester or whole year online? If I choose continuing online for the whole fall semester can I later at some point change my mind? Families also may opt for virtual instruction for the entire semester or entire year. Parents who choose this option will be asked to complete the 2020-2021 Parent Introduction to Virtual Learning Online Course by Sept. 4. The course will be available on Aug. 3. Parents may opt-in or opt-out of virtual learning at the start of each six-week grading period.

What are the requirements for each grade level? Students are expected to complete assigned learning activities each day, showing proof of participation in daily virtual instruction by satisfactorily engaging with assigned learning activities and completing assignments in the HUB. Teachers will measure student progress based on completed and submitted assignments. Parents and students should communicate with the teacher when in need of additional learning support. Specific grade level requirements will be communicated by the teacher on or before September 8, 2020.

What are the virtual class schedules? Will each teacher set their own schedule? Virtual schedules will be communicated no later than August 31, 2020. A sample schedule will be communicated in the August 6th parent meeting.

How much autonomy will teachers have to insert their own teaching styles and personalities into online learning? Teachers have full autonomy to insert their own teaching styles and personalities into online learning.

Will we pick up materials and books from the school? If we are allowed, we plan to distribute materials and books utilizing social distancing protocols. This distribution may take place September 1-3, 2020.

Will there be daily live instruction? Yes. Teachers will provide live support and intervention in accordance with the asynchronous model. Students will complete self-paced and personalized activities via the HUB through HISD @ H.O.M.E. with computers, laptops, tablets, iPads, and smartphones. Students will have the opportunity to complete the assigned work at their own pace with guidance and will also have access to an instructional support schedule from their classroom teacher that is predictable and sufficient.

Will there be a combination of whole group and small group instruction? Will there be 1:1 instruction? Yes, the plan will be outlined in ROE's Instructional Continuity Plan.

For virtual learners, will the teacher and curriculum stay the same as in person learning? Yes, the curriculum is the same.

What is ROE doing to exceed the minimum HISD standard for remote/virtual learning? ROE continues to utilize Everyday Math curriculum along with the IB Primary Years Programme framework to deliver instruction. Our teachers will provide live instruction during three sessions throughout the school day.

How do I access virtual learning for my child? HISD is launching a virtual parent training August 10, 2020. This training outlines everything you need to know to get started in Microsoft Teams, the HUB and the Parent Portal.

What happens if my child needs a substitute? Our teams will work together to support each other in the event a teacher needs to be absent during virtual instruction. Teachers have the ability to record lessons and communicate to students through the HUB.

When will parents receive the online schedule/curriculum? Parents will have access to the Parent Portal August 24, 2020. Teachers will also contact parents during their August Pre-Service days, and our virtual Meet the Teacher will occur on Thursday, August 27th. The sessions will be recorded, so teachers can send to families who have conflicts.

10:00 AM - 1st, 3rd & 5th
1:00 PM - K, 2nd & 4th

Attendance

Would it be possible for kindergarten not to start until in-person instruction resumes?
No. Attendance is tied to funding. All students enrolled must follow the district plan.

Will there be daily attendance? Do students have to be virtually present at school hours?
Yes, daily attendance will count! Students who engage in learning activities via the HUB or Microsoft Teams and submit required assignments are considered “present” and will not be marked absent. Students must attend at least 90% of their classes to receive credit and be promoted. To be considered “present” and not be marked absent, students must meet one or more of the following daily learning requirements:

- Participate in the HUB and complete independent reading or work assignments.
- Interact with teacher virtually via Teams as part of live or small group instruction.
- Complete and submit assignments via the HUB. When unable to submit via the HUB, students can submit assignments via emails, photos, phone conferences, or other forms of documentation.

Students who have not met at least one of these requirements by 2:30 PM will be marked absent. The absence can be resolved if the student completes one of the three requirements by 11:59 p.m. on that same day.

Will the teacher interact with a child 1:1 via phone or zoom? Small group time is built in the virtual schedule to assist students through Microsoft Teams.

Can students skip live instruction? Technically, students can skip live instruction although it is not recommended.

What are the enrichment activities marked in blue on the Academic Calendar? The enrichment days are days set aside for Title I campuses. This does not pertain to ROE.

Grading

How will I know my child's progress and grades? Grades will be housed in the new Parent Portal, and the grades will be uploaded weekly.

Special Populations Support and Services

How are the Special Education students going to receive services? Services for students are expected to continue regardless of virtual or in-person instruction. Refer to ROE's Special Needs Policy <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/77716>

What if my child was supposed to be evaluated for Speech services? Services should continue even when HISD is instructing while closed. Email Dr. Fovargue at Kfovargu@houstonisd.org, and she will pass your information along to the correct contact and department.

Socioemotional Support

Can you offer your professional perspective on how to maintain and grow social skills for kids who opt for virtual school? HISD's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) department hosts weekly webinars and communications surrounding various topics. Additionally, ROE's virtual schedule begins each day with a SEL component to keep students engaged virtually. We use the Sanford Harmony curriculum, and the website recently launched great resources for families. Check out <https://www.sanfordharmony.org/> for free resources.

Personal Protective Equipment

Will students be required to wear a mask? Yes. Safety protocols will include requiring all HISD employees, students, and visitors to undergo entry screenings, wear face coverings, wash hands regularly, and practice physical distancing. The district will provide enough hand soap, paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant to accommodate frequent cleaning of high-touch areas. Additionally, it will be mandatory for nurses, custodial staff, food service workers, and special education staff to wear gloves.

What happens if a student refuses to wear a mask? Students who present a health and safety risk to the campus may not be allowed to remain at school.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

For HISD's Health and Safety protocols, visit <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/182548>

Will supplies and laptops be shared? How are these cleaned between students? Students and employees are prohibited from sharing materials, supplies, equipment, and other items, unless necessary. This includes pencils, markers, books, dictionaries, library books, scissors, and other supplies. If sharing is absolutely required, items must be sanitized by both the recipient and lender.

What happens if the school runs out of supplies? Who will supply sanitizer, masks, etc.? HISD will provide all supplies. The campus will follow inventory and request protocols set forth by the district.

Infection Protocols

For specific communication regarding for Covid-19 communications visit <https://www.houstonisd.org/healthalerts>

What happens if a teacher is feeling sick? What will happen to the kids in the classroom? Should a student or employee become ill while at an HISD school or building, administrators will follow the protocols outlined in the Health and Medical Services Procedural Guideline for Exposure, Suspected, or Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Students, Employees, and Visitors.

What are the requirements for parents to notify the school of exposures or positive cases? Parents should contact Nurse Fullmer.

Closure Protocols

Does the principal have the autonomy to re-open school? No. The principal follows the directives of the Superintendent of Schools.

What guidelines will the school or district use to re-open school in October? What happens if cases continue to rise in October and we cannot keep our commitment? What thresholds will be used that require the school to be shutdown and switch to remote learning for a portion of time? For more information regarding the Communicable Disease Plan Task Force, visit <https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening>

Can you explain rolling closures? Rolling closures are a period of time when a campus or part of a campus may need to be closed. If ROE experiences a rolling closure, ROE's Instructional Continuity Plan will be implemented immediately for all students.

Campus Protocols

Do we have plans for in face reopening, are we going to be modifying the buildings, using outside space, or hiring new staff? These plans are in the works and will be communicated this fall.

Do we need to get our own school supplies? All parents should order school supplies through the PTO website. The PTO has worked collaboratively with the grade level team leaders to separate supplies for at home starter packs and in-person school.

Technology

Does ROE pay for the student computers? Funds to purchase computers come from district and the PTO budgets.

Would each child who chooses virtual learning be given priority? Students with special needs will be given priority; however, it is our goal to provide devices to any student in need.

How many kids and teachers have technology and how many are missing computers and internet? How can we help? In the spring, we provided approximately 30 devices to families. We anticipate more students needing devices this fall, since parents may return to work. We are prepared to provide devices as needed. Since every parent is part of the PTO, you have already generously contributed to our generous technology budget.

Extracurricular Activities

When will the After-School Program resume? We are exploring some virtual after school classes currently.

What enrichment opportunities will be available? We will communicate via twitter, website and emails when we know what virtual ASP classes may be available.

We still have a credit with the ASP. How will you handle? If you paid via School Pay, we are able to process your refund quickly. If you paid via check, we will begin processing refunds next week when our staff return to work.

Student Meals

How is the food going to be? For specifics regarding HISD Nutrition Services, please visit <https://www.houstonisd.org/nutritionservices>

Transportation

Will Vanguard students receive transportation when school starts? Because physical distancing drastically reduces bus capacity, only special education, homeless, and eligible

elementary school students will be transported for in-person classroom instruction. Magnet students will not be transported at this time.

Communication

Will you setup workshops and support for parents? The district will launch the virtual parent course on August 10, 2020. In addition, the PTO has generously agreed to host bimonthly informative parent sessions with Dr. Fovargue. Mark your calendars for the following dates: August 6th, August 20th, September 10th, September 24th, October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd and December 17th.

Can you tell us what will take place on Meet the Teacher night? Meet the Teacher will occur virtually during the day this year. Prior to the time scheduled to log on and meet your teacher, the teacher will contact you to make introductions. The Meet the Teacher sessions will occur on Thursday, August 27th. The sessions will be recorded, so teachers can send to families who have conflicts.

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Will we have enough teachers who return this year? Yes. We are 100% fully staffed! I will announce our new Team Members in the upcoming Summer Mailer.

How will we work to build a sense of community between students and their teachers and between students and their classmates? Our virtual schedule is drastically different from the spring. Students will have more opportunities to engage with their teachers and classmates.