

**COVID Student Engagement Survey**  
**Updated Information for Area Offices, Principals, Teachers, and School Staff**

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To learn more about student learning experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, HISD is collaborating with Rice University's Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC) to administer a survey to all students in grades 4-12. The survey was delayed slightly because of the winter storm and launched on February 25. **The deadline for the survey has been extended to Friday, March 12 at 11:59pm.**

All HISD students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in the COVID Student Engagement Survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes. It can be done on a computer, tablet, or mobile phone. Students will have the option of taking the survey in English or Spanish. A link to the survey was posted in students' Messages area (top right corner) of the HUB. The Academic Instructional Technology team is working to put it in Clever as well.

The link to the survey is [hisdstudentsurvey.net](https://hisdstudentsurvey.net). You may provide this link directly to students if that is easiest.

Student responses are confidential but not anonymous. The survey asks student about their experiences with virtual and/or in-person learning, and about any supports they may still need to be successful with their schoolwork during and beyond the pandemic.

School staff may use some of the strategies below to encourage student participation. HISD is expected to receive survey reports from our partners at Rice University in April 2021. Thank you.

**Strategies to Encourage Student Survey Participation**

- Allow students about 10 minutes to complete the survey in a structured classroom environment:
  - As a warm-up before class begins
  - As an exit ticket at the end of class
  - Upon completing the Renaissance 360 MOY assessment
  - During asynchronous time, during homeroom, or for homework (not a grade)
  - Consider offering a small incentive (COVID-safe)

• Sample text for **parent/guardian** newsletter:

- **English:** *HISD is collaborating with Rice University to administer a student engagement survey to all students in grades 4-12. The survey window is now February 25 to March 12, 2021. The purpose of the survey is to help HISD understand and improve student experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take students approximately ten (10) minutes to complete through a Survey Monkey link. Please contact HISD's Research and Accountability Department at 713-556-6700 or [research@houstonisd.org](mailto:research@houstonisd.org) with any questions. Thank you.*
- **Spanish:** *HISD está colaborando con Rice University para darle a los estudiantes en 4º a 12º grado una encuesta sobre sus experiencias en la escuela. La encuesta se les dará entre el 25 de febrero y el 12 de marzo del 2021. El propósito de la encuesta es ayudar al distrito a entender y mejorar las experiencias de los estudiantes durante la Pandemia del COVID-19. Les tomará aproximadamente 10 minutos completar la encuesta a través de un enlace de Survey Monkey. Si tiene preguntas, favor de comunicarse con el departamento de 'Research and Accountability' de HISD al 713-556-6700 o [research@houstonisd.org](mailto:research@houstonisd.org). Gracias.*