

COVID Student Engagement Survey – February 2021
Information for Area Offices, Principals, Teachers, and School Staff

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 between February 15 and February 28, 2021.

All HISD students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in the COVID Student Engagement Survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes. Beginning Monday, February 15, a link to the survey will be posted for students in the HUB. Students will have the option of taking the survey in English or Spanish. The survey will close on Sunday, February 28 at 11:59pm.

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 district- and campus-level survey reports from our partners at Rice University -- which will be shared with school leaders and inform our efforts to continue to support teachers and students -- by April 2, 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 between February 15 and February 28, 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 in the HUB. Please contact HISD's Research and Accountability Department at 713-556-6700 or 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 15 y 28 de febrero 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 Survey Monkey usando un enlace en el HUB de HISD. Si tiene preguntas, favor de comunicarse con el departamento de 'Research and Accountability' de HISD al 713-556-6700 o research@houstonisd.org. Gracias.*