

# RECONNECT SAFELY RETURN STRONG

## — PARENT GUIDE —



**FIRST DAY OF FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION: OCTOBER 19**

### HOW TO MAKE A SELECTION FOR VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION?

- Parents will have from **Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25** to make their selection.
- Selection can be made through **HISD's Connect Parent Portal**. Find full instructions at [HoustonISD.org/LearningOption](https://HoustonISD.org/LearningOption)
- Parents who have not yet signed up to access the Parent Portal should utilize the access code provided by their home campus to create their accounts online.
- Once a selection is submitted, the **selection is final for the current six-week period** and cannot be updated until the selection window is opened again.
- Students for which a selection has not been made by the deadline **automatically will be selected for in-person learning** for planning purposes.

### WHAT WILL ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION LOOK LIKE IN HISD?

- Certified teacher will provide **in-person instruction for students**.
- **Physical distancing will be practiced** in the classroom, hallways, common areas and throughout the building inside and out.
- **Daily deep cleaning** will occur throughout the campus with an emphasis on high touch surfaces.
- **Hand sanitizing stations and plexiglass** have been installed at campuses.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classroom in elementary schools.
- **Temperature checks will be conducted daily** for everyone on campus (faculty, staff, and students).
- **Safety protocols are in place** and signage is placed throughout the campus.
- If Covid-19 cases are identified, **campuses will be closed/sanitized**. Notifications be will provided to impacted parents and students if possibly exposed. Instruction will shift to virtual learning if the school closes.
- Students, staff, and anyone on campus will be required to **wear masks at all times which will be provided daily**.
- Students will follow their daily schedule, including all courses selected and/or assigned, as well as extracurricular activities, if applicable.
- Hours for in-person learning are as follows:  
**Elementary:** 7:30 A.M.–3 P.M. | **K-8 & Middle Schools:** 8:30 A.M.–4 P.M. | **High Schools:** 8:30 A.M.–4:10 P.M.
- **Transportation** will be provided to special education, homeless, and priority students. Once preliminary numbers for face-to-face instruction are known, transportation will be determined for other student groups.
- The number of students participating in face-to-face instruction will determine the type of schedule a campus will follow, such as a hybrid or rotating schedule.

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**WHAT WILL VIRTUAL LEARNING LOOK LIKE IN HISD?**

- Certified teachers will continue to provide instruction to **students virtually**.
- Students can interact with their teachers during **short live lessons** and ask questions/receive feedback from teachers during virtual office hours.
- During virtual instruction, **students will maintain a similar schedule** as they would during face-to-face instruction.