



T.H. ROGERS SCHOOL

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T. H. Rogers July 2020 Virtual Parent Meeting

FAQs

General Q&A (Remote Learning)

- How can we get information about access to meals?
 - The district is partnering with the Houston Food Bank to provide meals to families. Please refer to the link below for information on food distribution sites, days, and times [@HoustonFoodBank](#) , allowing families to pick up several days' worth of meals. For more info:<http://HoustonISD.org/SummerMeals>.
- We had said no to Chrome books on the survey but now require one, do we just ask and who do we ask
 - A technology survey will be sent to all Rogers Students for the school year 2020-2021 before the start of the school year.
- How will students receive their schedules on the first day of school?
- Should students login to HUB or Teams on the first day of virtual learning?
 - Each Grade level will meet with their teachers via Microsoft Teams.
 - Teachers will create homeroom class folders via Microsoft Teams and will guide parents and students through a trial login to their homeroom classes during orientation.
- How long will class online be? Like what times will it be from Monday through Friday?
- How many times a week will Kindergarten have live sessions and what time?
- Will the teachers provide detailed weekly and daily schedules?
- What would be the daily schedule?
 - Responses to these questions will be shared during orientation and Meet the Teacher events. See schedules below.
- Is the information for the first day of school by email or mail?
 - The information for the first day of school will be emailed and mailed out to all students.

- When will middle school students get their schedules?
 - **First day of school September 8, 2020**
- Will they follow a block schedule?
 - **Yes.**
- Is school going to provide PPE for students if they choose face-to-face instruction?
- Will HISD provide masks for students?
 - **Yes, a face mask will be provided to a student per day, if the student does not have one.**
- If a student tests positive and/or needs to be in quarantine, will they have access to remote learning?
 - **Yes.**
- Will Open House be virtual?
 - **Yes.**

Open House Dates - Week of September 14, 2020

- **September 15, 2020 – Elementary Grades K-5 6:00-7:30 pm**
- **September 16, 2020 – Middle School 6:00-7:30 pm**
- **September 17, 2020 – PSI/MI 9:30 -10:30 am**
- Can teachers and student start communicate before school exact start?
 - **Teachers are not on duty during the summer break.**
- When will orientation be?
- Will there be meet the teacher?
- Will there be Camp 6?
- Will there be any "Meet the Teacher" events this year?
- Will there be a virtual orientation for kinder so the kids can meet their teacher?
- What's the plan for students get to meet their new teachers? for sept 8 virtual learning.

School Orientations - Week of September 1, 2020

- **September 1, 2020 – Kinder Virtual Orientation at 11:00 am**
- **September 1, 2020 - Kinder Meet the Teacher at 11:30 am**
- **September 2, 2020 – Elementary 1st Grade Meet the Teacher at 9:00 am**
- **September 2, 2020 – Elementary 2nd Grade Meet the Teacher at 10:00 am**
- **September 2, 2020 - Elementary Grades 1-5 Virtual Orientation at 11:00 am**
- **September 2, 2020 – Elementary 3rd Grade Meet the Teacher at 11:30 am**
- **September 2, 2020 – Elementary 4th Grade Meet the Teacher at 12:30 am**
- **September 2, 2020 – Elementary 5th Grade Meet the Teacher at 1:30 am**
- **September 3, 2020 – Middle School Grades 7 – 8 Virtual Orientation at 11:00 am**
- **September 3, 2020 – Middle School Grades 7 – 8 Meet the Teacher at 11:30 am**
- **September 4, 2020 – Camp 6 Virtual Orientation and Meet the Teacher 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

- What is Synchronous & Asynchronous models?
 - **Synchronous instruction** is live learning that will happen regularly with small groups via Microsoft Teams.
 - **Asynchronous instruction** is student self-guided with intermittent teacher interaction. Students will complete self-paced and personalized activities via the HUB and other district-provided digital resources (Imagine Learning, digital textbooks, Achieve 3000, etc.).

- You mentioned the schedule will be deliver electronic. I am still not receiving email from Ms. Chenier even though my email is in the database. Is it possible to have this resolve?
 - A form has been posted on the school website (Select Resources and Just for Parents) for parents/guardians to update contact information. Students who are new to Rogers for the 2020-2021 school year were added to the school database on 08/03/2020 and can now be included in callout and email communication via SchoolMessenger moving forward.

- When will you be distributing Summer Materials?

Distribution of Summer Reading Materials <i>This is for students who were at Rogers for the 2019-2020 School year.</i>	
Students/Parents	
August 3rd 8:30-10:00	Last names A-E
August 3rd 10:30-12:00	Last names F-J
August 3rd 12:30-2:00	Last names K-O
August 4th 8:30-10:00	Last names P-T
August 4th 10:30-12:00	Last names U-Z
August 4th 12:30–2:00	PSI/RDSPD
<p>The schedule is subject to be changed based on HISD and Public Health Guidelines.</p> <p>*If you have a schedule conflict, please email Scott Platt at scott.platt@houstonisd.org. The schedule was drafted for crowd control, and we will gladly accommodate your needs.</p> <p>This will be self-service curbside pick-up.</p>	

- Is face-to-face return compulsory next year - January 2021 or optional (Up to Parents)?

- Virtual instruction for all students will continue for six weeks through Friday, October 16, 2020. On Monday, October 19, 2020, face-to-face instruction for all students will begin.
- Detailed information about parent and student options for instruction can be accessed on the HISD website at the following link:
<https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening>

- Will there be enrichment classes?
- Will PE instruction happen
- How "Music" classes will work?
- How will drama elective be offered remotely?
 - Yes, all classes are as scheduled to begin September 8. Information regarding courses activities and curriculum will be provided during grade-level orientations and meet the teacher events.
 - Extracurricular activities will follow the same safety practices employed on school campuses during the school day. School-based extracurricular activities will resume when in-person instruction begins. Face coverings must be made available to and worn by students and teachers during all extracurricular activities.
 - Fine Arts will reduce class sizes and maintain guidelines for physical distancing. Students will not be allowed to share personal belongings, equipment or other items, including computers and uniforms.
- Is orchestra being able to have lessons at school? It is very hard to have orchestra online.
 - All students will begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually on September 8, 2020. Virtual instruction for all students will continue for six weeks through Friday, October 16, 2020.
 - On Monday, October 19, 2020, face-to-face instruction for all students will begin. However, this date is subject to change based on COVID-19 weeks through Friday, October 16, 2020.
 - On Monday, October 19, 2020, face-to-face instruction for all students will begin. However, this date is subject to change based on COVID-19

- Will kids have an opportunity to download Microsoft 365 if it not available on home computers?
 - Yes. Students can download Microsoft 365 to their personal computers through their HISD Microsoft accounts.

- Can I change back to face to face once I have selected virtual learning? What are the criteria?
- If we choose F2F post October, when by latest can we change that to Virtual and vice-versa?

- What will be required from parents who decide to continue remote instruction beyond October 16th?
 - All students will begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually on September 8, 2020. Virtual instruction for all students will continue for six weeks through Friday, October 16, 2020.
 - On Monday, October 19, 2020, face-to-face instruction for all students will begin. However, this date is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions across the city of Houston and recommendations from local, state, and federal health officials.
 - Parents will have the option to opt out of face-to-face instruction entirely for the fall semester and school year
 - Parents choosing the remote learning option must attend a virtual class outlining expectations and sign an agreement committing to virtual learning for the semester. For more information, please access the Reopening Schools – Parents Guide at <https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/52139/Reopening-Parent-Guide-ENG.pdf>

- How do you address inappropriate messages posted by students on teams? can you please teach the students to report inappropriate messages and chat usage? this was extremely worrisome as observed in spring semester.
 - Student expectations will be discussed during the grade-level assemblies. This topic will be included as a reminder to students about appropriate online behavior.

For additional information in virtual learning, please reference Superintendent Lathan's communication to parents, dated August 3, 2020, using the following link.

https://www.houstonisd.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=294076&dataid=291725&FileName=080320_Parent_Virtual.pdf.

Please copy and paste the link into your web browser.

General Q&A (Face-To-Face Instruction)

- Are the masks required to be worn by students of all ages or just the students over 10 years of age (as per state law)?
 - All students are required to wear face masks during the school day.
- Would the students be allowed to wear face shields in combination with mask
 - Yes.
- Can we join to an aftercare program after the dateline registration?
 - Yes.
- Are school sports for the fall canceled? If they are, are they going to be delayed to the spring?
 - Yes. All sports and after school activities are postponed until further notice.

- Student sporting events are tentatively scheduled for the fall, but HISD Athletics will adjust plans as needed if COVID-19 conditions change.
- When we return to face-to-face, if anyone tests positive for COVID-19, will the entire school be shut down? Is there a legal requirement for parents to inform the school that if someone in the household tests positive?
 - Regarding a positive COVID -19 test for a student or staff member, we will follow district guidelines and procedures for health and safety measures during face-to-face instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic. The district is continuing to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and following the recommendations of local, state, and federal health officials. Per district communication, parents will be notified in the event of a confirmed case, and precautionary measures will be taken to limit the spread of the virus. Please visit [houstonisd.org/HealthAlerts](https://www.houstonisd.org/HealthAlerts) for the latest updates.
- Will face to face include recess/playground/PE activities?
 - We will follow all district, local, and state guidelines regarding face-to-face instruction to maintain the health and safety of students and staff.
- Based on the attendance guidelines it sounds like attending all face-to-face classes is not required. Is this correct?
 - Attendance will be taken daily. State law TEC §25.092 and Houston ISD Policy still require students to attend at least 90% of their classes to receive credit and be promoted. Remote attendance will count in the same manner as on-campus (face-to-face) attendance in satisfying this requirement.
- Is face to face going to be part time alternate schedule to accommodate social distancing between students?
- Will the classes of students be rotated around teacher to teacher? (e.g., science teacher, math, home room) Or will they only see 1 teacher all day?
 - We will follow all district, local, and state guidelines regarding face-to-face instruction to maintain the health and safety of students and staff.
- Will students continue NJHS when school is reopened?
 - Yes. NJHS will resume the scheduled Spring selection and induction process.
- Will there be "pods" of students (students who strictly only see each other)? And how many in each group/class?
 - Students will be grouped in their regular homeroom classes, but teachers will meet with smaller groups of students for live lessons.

For additional information on HISD's school opening, please visit the HISD website at <https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening>.

