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2021-2022
Back to
School Plan
Update

Message from HISD Superintendent

Ready, Set, Go! Back to School Plan

Please review the webinar [presentation](#) and **watch a recording** of the meeting.

Please note: Updated mask and in-person gathering protocols take effect take effect Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. All other updated protocols take effect in coordination with the start of school on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021.

These decisions were made in consultation with the medical community, education professionals, and district administration. The updated 'Ready, Set, Go' plan can be downloaded at www.HoustonISD.org/ReadySetGo.

Effective October 11, 2021

1. **Isolation and Quarantine Protocols:** An individual will isolate or quarantine based on the following:

- a. **Isolate:** Confirmed to have COVID-19 or showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- b. **Quarantine:** Identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 positive case.

2. **COVID-19 Positive Case Notifications:** In alignment with TEA requirements, all students and staff in the same class as a COVID-19 confirmed positive individual will be notified of the positive case, regardless of contact status (i.e., close contact, non-close contact, etc). Identified close contacts will receive additional communication with next steps.

Effective October 11, 2021

1. **Alignment of Terminology:** We will keep terminology consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the following key definitions:

- **Close Contact:** Individuals who are less than six feet away from an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinical diagnosis) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes) from two days before illness onset (or two days prior to test specimen collection for asymptomatic individuals), until the time the patient is isolated.
- **Isolation:** The separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with COVID-19 and potentially infectious from those who are not infected, to prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Quarantine:** The separation of a person or group of people reasonably believed to have been exposed to COVID-19 but not yet symptomatic from others who have not been exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the virus.

These decisions were made in consultation with the medical community, education professionals, and district administration. The updated 'Ready, Set, Go' plan can be downloaded at www.HoustonISD.org/ReadySetGo.

Reinstated Safety Protocols

- **Masks:** Masks covering both the nose and mouth are required for all individuals inside all HISD schools, buildings, and buses regardless of vaccination status. Their use is encouraged outdoors.
- **Sanitization:** All district schools and buildings will be cleaned, disinfected, and fogged nightly with hospital-grade disinfectants as a precautionary measure. Hand sanitizer and other cleaning and disinfecting supplies will be provided in all school, buildings, and buses.

Reinstated Safety Protocols

- **Visitors:** Visitation is limited to essential and pre-scheduled visitors, including individuals who have been pre-approved through the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) program. Parents registering their children for school also are allowed.
- **In-person gatherings:** In-person gatherings, meetings, and events are permitted in HISD schools and buildings if all attendees wear masks and maintain 6 feet of physical distance. If these conditions cannot be met, the gathering must be held outdoors or virtually.
- **Uniforms:** Student uniform policies will be flexible at all campuses for the 2021-2022 school year but campus dress codes should still be followed.

HISD Mask Mandate

Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for K-12 schools, masks are required indoors for all HISD schools, buildings, and buses — regardless of vaccination status. Masks must cover both the nose and the mouth.

If a student, employee, or essential visitor does not have a mask, one will be provided upon entry.

Masks are highly encouraged outdoors.

Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action in accordance with board policies and district practices and procedures.

HISD Mask Policy

Students who don't have a mask will be provided one.

Students who refuse to wear a mask will be placed in a separate area and their parent/caregiver will be contacted.

Students who continue to refuse to wear a mask will be directed to stay home and marked absent and offered temporary online learning.

Exceptions and reasonable accommodations will be made for those with a documented medical disability.

Physical Distancing

While no longer required, physical distancing of at least three feet is encouraged indoors as space allows. Assigned seating will be required in all classrooms.

Harvard ES Daily Schedule

- 7:20 a.m. Campus Opens/Students Enter Classroom
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Classroom/Instruction Begins
- 7:35 a.m. Students are Tardy/Morning Announcements
- 9:30 a.m. Official Attendance is Taken
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Morning Arrival for Students

Effective Monday, September 13, (1) elementary students and (2) all visitors entering an HISD school or building will no longer have their temperatures taken.

Morning Arrival Location Sites



- The Goodbye zone is the location where parents/guardians say goodbye to students. All students expected to walk independently to their classroom.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten students enter the building at the Kindergarten entrance. PreK and Kindergarten Entrance is past the main entrance going north on Harvard Street.
- 1st and 2nd grade students enter the building at the South Wing Gate located on 8th Street.
- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students enter the building at the Main Entrance on Harvard Street.

**** Pets must be on a leash and may not pass any gate on campus.**

Student Uniforms

Student uniform policies will be flexible at all campuses for the 2021-2022 school year but campus dress codes should still be followed. Assistance will be provided to families in need. If your family needs assistance with clothing, submit a Student Assistance Form to HISD's Wraparound Services Department via HoustonISD.org/SAFHelp



Shirts

- Any solid color polo style shirt either short or long sleeves with or without the IB logo.
- Harvard t-shirts.
- Shirts with the name of a college or university.
- Boy and Girl Scout uniforms may be worn daily.

PANTS, SKIRTS, SHORTS, SWEATERS

- Khaki (tan) or navy blue solid colored pants, skirts or shorts (no rips or tears).
- Pants, shirts and shorts must fit properly at the waist; a belt is *preferred* to hold up pants.
- Pants must be straight-leg style with cuffs or straight hemmed at the top of the shoe level.
- Shorts, Skirts or jumpers may not be more than 3 inches above the knee with no splits or slits.
- Leggings may be worn underneath skirts.

Hygiene, Sanitization & Disinfection

Individuals are encouraged to routinely wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day, prior to eating, and after each visit to the restroom.

All district schools and buildings are cleaned and disinfected nightly as a precautionary measure. Schools and offices also are provided with hand soap, paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer and disinfectant.

Covid-19 Guidelines

Please see pages 13-15 in the Ready,Set,Go Back to School Plan and HISD Covid-19 guidelines.

Ready, Set, Go! Back to School Plan

HoustonISD.org/COVIDGuidelines

Student Meals

Students are required to wear a mask covering both the nose and mouth when entering and exiting the cafeteria, as well as when not actively eating or drinking. They also will be required to minimize physical movement throughout the cafeteria during designated meal periods.



Student Meals

Assigned seating will be required for all students. When possible, students should be spaced out, using every other seat.

****Visitors during lunch are not allowed until further notice.**

Dismissal for Walkers

Walkers (Pets must be on a leash and may not pass any gate.)

- **PreK and Kindergarten** students are assigned as **WALKERS**. Parents/Guardians form one line headed north on Harvard Street at the Kindergarten Gate.
- 1st and 2nd grade walkers are dismissed from the South Wing Gate located on 8th Street. (Harvard Pavilion)
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade walkers are dismissed from Harvard Park. Parents form one line headed west on 9th Street.
- Rainy day dismissal for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade walkers *changes* from Harvard Park to the school cafeteria. Parents form one line in the parking lot located on 9th Street.
- 5th grade students may walk home independently. A signed consent form is **REQUIRED** and must be on file in the main office.

Dismissal for Car Riders

Car Riders

- 1st and 2nd grade car riders are dismissed from the South Wing Gate located on 8th Street. The line begins on the corner of 8th Street and Cortlandt Street.
- 3rd, 4th and 5th grade car riders are dismissed from the Main Entrance located on Harvard Street. The line begins on the corner of 8th Street and Harvard Street. The line does not begin to move until all buses depart.

HISD Transportation Service and Policy

Transportation Services is resuming normal operations and bus service at full capacity. Students and bus operators are required to wear masks covering both the nose and mouth regardless of vaccination status.



Transportation Policy

If a student does not have a mask, one will be provided by the bus operator.
If a student refuses to wear a mask, transportation privileges may be suspended after a meeting with the parent/caregiver.
Assigned seating will be required for all students.

For more information and updates throughout the year, visit HoustonISD.org/Transportation.

Attendance and Grades

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Perfect attendance will not be recognized this year as an award category. If a student becomes ill with any communicable disease, the student must follow the district's COVID-19 guidelines:

HoustonISD.org/COVIDGuidelines.

Grading Guidelines

There are no plans for grade exemptions. All students must meet the corresponding criteria to earn a passing grade on assignments and classwork. All grades will count toward a student passing a course/grade.

Extracurricular Activities

On-campus extracurricular activities are allowable with limitation of 3 feet social distancing as space allows.

Seats are offered to 3rd-5th grade students using a lottery system for participation. ie. Robotics, Multi-media, and Coding, Choir, etc.

Extracurricular Activities begin during the first week of October.

Visitors

Visitation will be limited to essential visitors who have a scheduled appointment.

- **Volunteers in Public School are allowable in outdoor areas or virtually.**
- School wide events will be held outdoor as weather permits.
- No visitation in the cafeteria until further notice.

Forgotten Items

We ask that families help minimize interruptions to the learning environment by sending students to school with all personal items needed for the day, i.e., backpacks, water bottles, lunch boxes, homework, etc.



Closure Plan

We do not anticipate school closures. Should deteriorating COVID-19 conditions warrant the closure of a campus, classroom, or portion of a classroom, that determination will be made on a case-by-case basis by HISD Health & Medical Services in consultation with the Houston Health Department.

Meet the Harvard Administration Team



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Important Dates

8/16	Teachers report to work
8/20	Meet the Teacher
8/23	First Day of School
9/6, 9/16	Labor Day, Fall Holiday
11/22-24	Thanksgiving Break
12/20-31	Winter Break
1/17	MLK Day
2/21	Presidents' Day (students only)
3/14-18	Spring Break
3/28	Chavez-Huerta Day
4/15	Spring Holiday
5/30	Memorial Day



Resources



Bi-monthly
Admin Chats



HISD Ready Set Go
<https://bit.ly/3xqsmqS>



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