

# Garden Oaks Montessori - SDMC

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Pollock, Acosta, Miniel, Williams, Eisenhauer, Jefferson, Since returning to school from winter break, there have been a number of students and an employee test positive for CoVid. In the case of an employee being positive, the entire room is quarantined.

Update from HISD, CARES Act extended, principals approve or deny leave for testing positive. Extension is for 10 days.

Discussion regarding how to determine where staff contracted COVID.

GOMM will start COVID testing on campus next week. Available to asymptomatic staff and students with a parent consent. 15 minute rapid test.

Swab is self administered for staff and administered by trained staff for students. No one showing symptoms will not be tested. You should wait a few days after exposure to receive the most accurate results.

Middle School Programming - 3 full time and 1 part time staff. Half of MS students are failing classes. Meeting with students and families to request return to campus. Many are currently at home unsupervised. Not highly motivated to do work at home by themselves. Biggest issue is students are not turning work in. Work that teachers are receiving is great, but the number of students not turning in is high.

3 teachers have notified administration they are not returning next year, and do not want to take the Montessori training.

Upper EI planning sessions for curriculum for the next few days. Also concerned about the number of students failing in this grade level. Looking at structures and grading. Check for understanding, exit tickets, etc. It is about knowing the content, not study habits.

Refocus to QUALITY of work, NOT quantity. Mapping of the curriculum on a continuum.

STAAR test - still will be administered. Schools will not be held accountable.

Test will be online, but only on campus. Students will be able to come to campus to take the start. No remote testing. Next year all STAAR will be online. Great year for practice, online calculators, sticky notes, underlining, etc.

What is the point of administering the test is there is not accountability.

If we really want norm data use a national standard like IOWA or Stanford. Unfortunately, the HISD curriculum does not align to those assessments.

What are the safety precautions?

There is a 5 week window for the test, so it can spread out and stagger.

HCDE is looking for a place to administer a secure testing training. Is GOMM an option on a Saturday to have a socially distanced option?

HCDE a lot of people are training to be teachers. And also, principal program and superintendent program are 1 year, instituting a rolling admission.

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PDK conference MS/HS/College students interested in teaching. Virtual conference in June. Presenter proposals due on January 25. 60 minute presentations. Pollock and Williams hosting one on legal issues with teaching.

Eisenhauer and Jefferson stated that students are progressing. Concern about students who are failing and will encourage them to come back to school face to face.