



TUESDAY E-FOLDER – November 10, 2020

Dear Travis Families,

Here are items to note for the Week of November 9-13, 2020:

THIRD SIX WEEK SELECTION PERIOD THIS WEEK

With the third six weeks of the 2020-2021 school year approaching, HISD families have the option to revise their selection for either in-person or virtual instruction for students. The first day of the third six weeks is Monday, Dec. 7. The selection process remains the same. Parents have through this **Friday, Nov. 13** to make their selection through the HISD Connect Parent Portal "Forms" section. If parents would like to keep their selection as-is, no action is needed. The current selected mode of instruction will carry over for the third six-week grading period. Parents can also contact the school to change their selection. Please utilize these step-by-step videos on [completing forms](#) or [getting started in the Parent Portal](#).

PLEASE NOTE: *In anticipation of expected face-to-face enrollment during the third six weeks and in continuing to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines and best practices, we currently plan to continue existing configurations and class group numbers for both our face-to-face and virtual learning settings. HOWEVER, this hinges on family commitment numbers within each group. If any changes are necessitated, we will communicate with families next week. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate the unknowns together.*

TEMPORARY CHANGES FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL LEARNING

We have recently been asked: *Can a student engaging in face-to-face learning temporarily move to virtual learning for a day or two to accommodate short-term family circumstances?* (Such as being out of town or for attending appointments) It is a fair inquiry and one we have grappled with. While we sympathize, we have discovered that short-term virtual roster additions are very difficult to manage from an attendance-tracking, grading, assignments-management, and instructional standpoint for our teachers, who already have so much they are balancing each day.

Requests for a temporary placement change from in-school learning to virtual learning (during the middle of a six-week grading period) will be granted only in these cases:

- Due to an extended absence necessitated for self-isolation or quarantine per COVID-19 procedural guidelines
- Due to an extended absence of 3 consecutive days or more that would be deemed 'Excused' per the Travis Elementary Reopening Policies and Procedures (page 7) found [HERE](#).

In those cases when your child must miss school, Travis will follow regular absence reporting procedure, students will be provided with makeup work, and teachers will ensure that students are provided support to make up for lost learning. Thank you for your understanding! Please communicate with me if you have any questions. – **Tom Day**

ARTSONIA ONLINE ART PORTFOLIO

We are excited to offer a way for families to be in the know with what our Travis artists are up to this year! Artsonia allows for you to get a glimpse of what we are doing in the classroom, comment on your student's artwork, and share with your family. It's a great way to share all the amazing artwork your children have been hard at work on the past few weeks. For our virtual students, this is an optional way to submit your artwork. You can add to your portfolios from home! To submit artwork from home, students will access our class portal (please see flyer for instructions: [Artsonia QR Code Access.pdf](#)). Families can also add additional artwork that your student makes at home on their own time to keep it in one place. Mrs. Q has created online art portfolios for each student using Artsonia. Emails have gone out from Artsonia to each family with directions on how to complete their account. Please email me (Danielle.Quinones@houstonisd.org) if you have any questions concerning Artsonia or have not received an email to set up your student's account. [You can check out our Artsonia page here!](#) – Mrs. Q (Summer Quinones)

ADDITIONAL HELP WITH THE HISD CONNECT PARENT PORTAL

Over the last few weeks, we know you have been inundated with requests to complete HISD and Travis forms and documents – some of them in paper form, others online on the HISD Connect Parent Portal. We appreciate your patience and help with all of it! As we are all at varying levels of understanding completing these tasks online, HISD has created how-to videos for navigating these various pieces. Please see below and view and view as needed. **Directions on last week's request for completing the Student Information Verification application can be found by clicking No. 3.** Thanks so much!

How-To Videos for HISD Connect – Parent Portal:

1. [Getting Started with HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) – How to create your account and associate your student's information.
2. [Completing Forms in HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) – How to navigate to and complete forms after you are logged in to Parent Portal
3. [Student Verification in HISD Connect Parent Portal](#) – How to complete the Student Verification steps after you are logged in to Parent Portal.
4. [HISD Connect Parent Portal: A Complete Guide](#) – How to create your account, associate your students information, complete forms and complete Student Verification in Parent Portal.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION

Completing the **Student Information Verification** application ensures student information is accurate and up to date. The form will be available on the **HISD Connect Parent Portal** through **this Friday, Nov.**

13: <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org/public/>. The Student Information Verification application will allow parents the opportunity to verify or update information to stay connected to their student's school, such as home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. If you indicate that your home address has changed, we will contact you to obtain updated proof of address documentation. Please complete this form so you can receive important updates regarding your student's education.

Below are links to additional flyers/letters for this week:

- [Lost Forest Tennis HOLIDAY CAMPS 20-21.pdf](#)

Wishing you a great week!