

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, June 23, the Texas Education Agency released preliminary guidance to school districts for providing Remote Instruction in the 2020-2021 school year to students who are unable or uncomfortable returning to campus for Face-to-Face Instruction. Earlier this summer, surveys were provided to DISD parents, employees, and students, and this information has been used to plan two instruction and learning delivery systems for Gator Nation students.

Face-to-Face Instruction and Remote Instruction are our two options. Based on new TEA requirements, Remote Instruction will look very different compared to our closure during the 4th nine weeks. Provided below is a description of our instruction and learning delivery models:

- **Traditional Face-to-Face Instruction and Learning in the classroom (PreK-grade 12)**
 - Daily, face-to-face instruction with DISD classroom teachers
 - All core and elective courses K-12
 - Health and safety precautions will be in place to help prevent and mitigate the spread of the virus during the school day and on buses. This includes the required use of facemasks or face shields for employees and students.
 - Students who receive special education services will have a commensurate schedule as those in general education, unless otherwise noted in the student's ARD committee meeting based upon the individual student's needs.

- **Remote Instruction at Home (PreK-grade 12)**
 - Asynchronous learning – instruction that does not require having the instructor and student engaged at the same time; includes forms of digital and online learning
 - Addresses the required curriculum, per TEC §28.002
 - Students must be engaged each day as defined by the teacher's daily plan in Google Classroom and commensurate with the grade level or course load during normal school hours.
 - Student must have internet access and a laptop, desktop computer, or Chromebook.
 - Grading policy will be the same as for on-campus assignments.
 - A Parent/Student Commitment Form will be required.
 - Exit from Remote Instruction and return to face-to-face instruction in the classroom will only be permitted at the end of a grading period (end of 1st 9 weeks, end of 1st semester, or end of 3rd 9 weeks).
 - Students in grades 7-12 who are enrolled in Remote Instruction at home may participate in after-school UIL Athletic and Fine Arts. The parent must provide transportation to after-school activities. Remote Instruction students who do not meet daily instruction requirements will not be able to participate after-school. Students must also meet all attendance/eligibility requirements outlined by the UIL to participate in after-school Athletics and Fine Arts activities.

To help guide our planning, we need an accurate count of students who are going to start the 2020-2021 school year with Face-to-Face Instruction or Remote Instruction. Please log-in to

Skyward Family Access to indicate your choice for each student you have enrolled in DISD by Wednesday, July 15. Instructions are provided below, and indicating you want your student to start the school year remotely is not automatic enrollment in Remote Instruction. An enrollment process for Remote Instruction will be shared with families later in July (prior to registration).

Throughout the summer, we have also been planning and preparing additional health and safety measures for our campuses. A comprehensive DISD Re-Entry Plan is being compiled, and pending additional information from TEA, it will be provided to all DISD families by July 17.

Thank you for your patience as we work to provide learning options for our families and as we strive to make decisions for DISD that will keep our students, staff, and families safe.

With gratitude,

Carla Voelkel
Superintendent

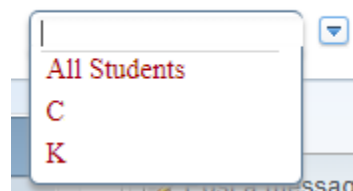
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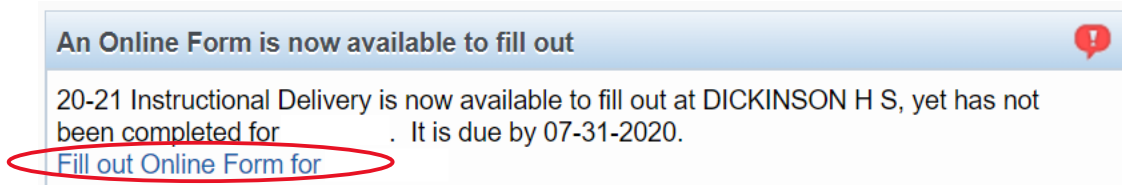
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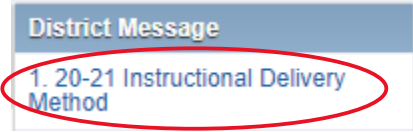
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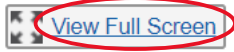
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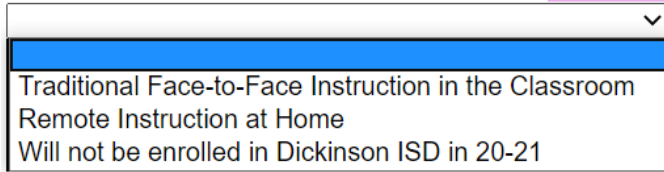


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Click the dropdown menu and choose the instructional delivery method.

Please choose the instructional delivery method for for the 20-21 school year.



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