



Van Vleck ISD Update for Instruction during COVID-19 Closure

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The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and clarification regarding the following topics:

Attendance

Because this is considered an illness disaster situation under the TEA guidelines, all students are covered under the disaster attendance measures as set forth by TEA.

- March 4, 2020 Last day of regular, in-class, instruction for 2019-2020
- March 5-6, 2020 Fair holidays
- March 9-13, 2020 Spring Break
- March 16, 2020 until further notice, students are covered under the TEA Illness Disaster Closure Process and accounted for as COVID-19 attendance reasons.

Not Required Finished Products & Not Grading


Under current circumstances and conditions, there are several, uncontrollable variables and individual student/family circumstances that prevent assurance of equity with regard to requiring finished products, and grading. Therefore, **we will not require students to return finished products to teachers for grading.**

Instructional Material and Resource Availability

Our district leadership team has been transitioning to our online platform, which will consist of a modified - “offered” - curriculum for our students. Please read all of the information below:

VVISD Online Resources Education Enrichment Page & Survey

On Monday, March 16, 2020, we created the VVISD Online Resources Educational Enrichment Page link on our main website at www.vvisd.org to offer accessible online resources that can be




utilized at home until the district had time to formulate a plan for instructional delivery.

This page, updated daily, includes resources that can help students sharpen their skills while at home. There are also links to the campus media center/libraries that consist of vetted district resources, TEKS based (see definition of TEKS below), used by our students and staff.

The VVUSD COVID-19 Information Family Survey was sent out to attain up-to-date contact information for school messenger purposes. Also, the district assessed the types of technology access families had in order to help the district understand which technology tools are needed for each child. This survey is still open and can be completed by clicking this link: [VVUSD COVID-19 Information Family Survey](#).

Accessing VVUSD's Online Resources

It is recommended that each student access and engage in the online educational enrichment provided by their campus educators each week to ensure continued academic skill building is taking place. We will be offering the following TEKS-based (see definition of TEKS below), vetted programs that are owned by VVUSD. Daily recommendation for working remotely on independent skill practice with the following programs, using our educational software, is approximately 30 minutes per core subject each day. Be sure to take breaks. See the recommended schedules below under the Recommended Age Appropriate Schedules For Our Students section herein.



1. With these programs, our educational staff can monitor student progress on various skills and correspond through the program and/or email to offer guidance, assistance, and feedback.

a. Van Vleck Elementary/E Rudd Intermediate PK-5:

- i. Istation (Primary Resource)
- ii. Mathletics and/or Mathseeds (Kindergarten) (Primary Resource)
- iii. Email so you may correspond with teachers with any questions
- iv. Remind app suggested tasks from some teachers
- v. Some teachers may use suggested google classroom tasks as well with students

b. OH Herman Middle School 6-8:

- i. Study Island for all Core Subjects (Primary Resource)
- ii. Email so you may correspond with teachers
- iii. Remind app suggested tasks from some teachers
- iv. Some teachers may use suggested google classroom tasks as well with students


c. Van Vleck High School 9-12:

- i. Google Classroom
- ii. Remind App suggested tasks from some teachers
- iii. Email so you may correspond with teachers

2. Our students are familiar with the various campus online platforms as we have offered blended learning opportunities to all of our students (PK-12) normally throughout the year, consisting of hands on and virtual learning while using various TEKS - **Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills** (Texas educational standards for PK-12).

3. Our students have all used chromebooks from PK-12th grades throughout this school year. Our 9-12 grade students have school-issued chromebooks. They may use the school chromebook or another device that is already in their household during this time.

4. If households do have Internet Access and have their own device: laptop, tablet, and/or chromebook, students can use these devices to access the programs listed above.

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5. For those households who do not have Internet Access and wish to check out Wifi Hot Spots/Access Points, we are currently waiting on our order to come in. Our team will provide guidance, and more information is coming soon from our IT Director, Randy Keys. Click here to email: [Randy Keys](#).
 6. If your household does have Internet Access and not a device, you are welcome to come and checkout, for each student, a chromebook on the following dates, times, and location:

Chromebook Checkout - Van Vleck Elementary Parking Lot

Friday, March 20, 2020

10:00am – 11:00am

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Monday, March 23, 2020

10:00am – 11:00am

5:30pm – 6:30pm

- Remain in your cars and we will deliver the chromebook through the passenger window. You will have to show a valid ID and your name must be present on the current registration form.
- We do not have cases, so we ask you to handle the chromebook with care.
- We will provide the chromebook and power cord.

At-Home Activity Sheets

Independent practice for K-8 Mathematics and Literacy activity sheets are included with the Grab-n-Go lunches at O.H. Herman Middle School, behind the cafeteria. These activity sheets are not to be turned back into the school. Instead, they are for students to keep and to assist with skill building and providing an opportunity for them to engage academically in various core subjects.

Grab-n-Go Lunches

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and will continue M-F 11:00am – 1:00pm

Contact our Food Service Director, Bonnie Brown, for more information:

Click here to email: [Bonnie Brown](#)



Student Medication Pick-Up

Student medications pickup times and locations are as follows:

Wednesday March 18, 2020 5:30-6:30 VVE, VVHS, HMS

Friday, March 20, 2020 5:30-6:30 VVE parking lot only

Monday, March 23, 2020 5:30-6:30 VVE parking lot only

Contact our District Nurse, Lyndee Owen BSN, RN, for more information:

Click here to email: [Lyndee Owen](#)

Health & Wellness Resources

Click here: [Contact our District Nursing Team](#)

Click here: [CDC.gov](#) – CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

Click here: [DSHS.texas.gov](#) Texas Department of State Health Services

Click here: [Texas Children's Health Plan](#) – Texas Children's Health Plan

Click here: [Texas Youth Helpline](#) – Texas Youth Helpline

Call: Texas Youth Helpline Day Or Night Phone Number - 1-800-989-6884

Contact our District Counseling Team Members:

Click here: [Rome Buckalew](#), PK-5 Counselor

Click here: [Marcietta Moore](#), CIS Counselor

Click here: [Michelle Weathers](#), 6-8 Counselor

Click here: [Kari Button](#), 9-12 Counselor

Click here: [Amy Matchett](#), Director for Information Systems and certified Counselor

Click here: [Christie Dement](#), Assistant Superintendent and certified Counselor



Students: Learn about the Coronavirus

Click below to learn more about the science behind the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how viruses spread

K-5 Resources

- [The Sneeze: How germs spread](#)
- [Mystery Science lessons about germs and viruses](#) No login required during COVID Crisis
- [Myth Busters: The Safe Sneeze](#)
- [Corona Virus Q and A](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) – Talking with students](#)

6-12 Resources

- [The Corona Phenomena](#)
- [Myth Busters: The Safe Sneeze](#)
- [NY Times Lesson of the Day: How Coronavirus Hijacks Your Cells](#)
- [NPR: A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) – Talking with students](#)

Recommended Age Appropriate Schedules For Our Students

Staying at home all day can be hard, especially for your student. On the next few pages, are recommendations to keep your student healthy and stimulated.

We recommend providing structure for your student. At school, students get used to their days following a certain structure. Communicating to your child that they will have a structure to follow for the next several weeks will set expectations and set everyone up to make the most out of this situation.

We know students need breaks and cannot do long periods of independent work. The schedule below reflects best practices for independent learning. The following hyperlinks are recommendations. You may use your own resources as well.

PK-5* ** ***

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**Email suggested tasks from teachers.

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- 8:00-9:00 Wake Up/Breakfast/Get Dressed/Free Play
- 9:00-9:30 Learning Time – Math
- 30 minutes of Math Activities
 - Click here: [Mathletics](#)
 - Click here: [Math Seeds](#) (Kindergarten)
- 9:30-10:00 Learning Time – Science
- 30 minutes of Science Activities
 - Click here: [Mystery Science](#) (1 mini-lesson or half of a full lesson)
- 10:00-11:00 Free Time & Physical Activities (Stay healthy and active!)
- Click here: [Physical Activities](#),
 - Click here: [SPARK Home Resources for K-12 PE](#)
Visit the Physical Activities link (Updated daily)
 - Click here: [VVISD Online Resources Educational Enrichment Page](#)
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch and Free Play (VVISD is offering Grab-n-Go lunches – Pick up behind OHHMS)
- 12:30-1:00 Independent Reading (Use your own books or ebooks from online sites)
- Click here: [Overdrive](#)
- 1:00-1:30 Learning Time – Reading
- Click here: [Istation](#) or
 - Click here: [Scholastic](#)
- 1:30-2:30 Free Time – Art and Music Activities
- Click here: [Art Activities](#)
 - Click here: [Music Activities](#)
- 2:30-3:00 Learning Time – Social Studies
- Click here: [Time For Kids](#)
 - Click here: [National Geographic for Kids](#)
- 3:00-3:30 Free Time/Play/Relax



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- 8:00-9:00 Wake Up/Breakfast/Get Dressed/Free Time
- 9:00-9:30 Learning Time – Math
- 30 minutes of Math Activities
 - Click here: [Study Island](#) – Math
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9-12

- 8:00-9:00 Wake Up/ Breakfast/Get Dressed/Relax
- 9:00-9:30 Learning Time – Math
- 30 minutes of Math Activities
 - Google Classroom,
 - Remind App, or
 - Emailed Suggested Tasks from Teachers
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- 12:30-1:00 Independent Reading (Use your own books, or ebooks from online sites)
- Click here: [Overdrive](#)
Check out the different options on the VVHS Media Center/Library Link
 - Click here: [VVISD Online Resources Educational Enrichment Page](#)
- 1:00-1:30 Learning Time – Reading
- Google Classroom,
 - Remind App, or
 - Emailed Suggested Tasks from Teachers
- 1:30-2:30 Electives Times – Fine Arts, Athletics, Agricultural Science, CTE, ETC.
- Google Classroom,
 - Remind App, or
 - Emailed Suggested Tasks from Teachers
- 2:30-3:00 Learning Time – Social Studies
- Google Classroom,
 - Remind App, or
 - Emailed Suggested Tasks from Teachers
- 3:00-3:30 Free Time/Relax



As Van Vleck Independent School District is closed in response to COVID-19, we are committed to continuing to support your students' learning. The district is offering these recommendations for students to engage in learning while they are away from school.

The recommended activities stated above **do not take the place of regular classroom instruction; however, they can supplement student learning at home.**

Again, assignments **will not be required or graded**. These activities are to provide optional opportunities for student learning while they are away from school.

We encourage our families to stay strong as we are all in this together.

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Questions, Concerns, Need Assistance - Email: resources@vvisd.org

You may also contact your child's teacher via email as needed for assistance.

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