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Dear Parents and Eden community:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has provided guidance to Texas school districts for reopening school campuses for the 2020-2021 school year. This information and the following guidance may change with short notice. Eden CISD will post all new changes as updated information comes to us. Please check our website often for updates.

Eden CISD will offer both online and face-to-face instruction for all students for the 2020-21 school year. We ask that families let the District know if they prefer online or face-to-face instruction in a survey that will come out this week. We ask that parents notify us no later than Monday, August 3, what learning format they choose for their child. The August 3 deadline will help us to assign teachers to students as soon as possible. Once families select a model, the student will remain in that setting until the end of the first six-weeks grading period before a change can be made.

The survey sent to parents and guardians will help us prepare for student learning options and opening school. Additional guidelines for Eden CISD will be released once they are reviewed by the Reopening Task Force. Thank you for providing us with your input. If you have any questions, please email me at misty.gandy@edencisd.net.

Sincerely,

Misty Gandy
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions regarding reopening:

1. Will Eden CISD reopen campuses for the 2020-2021 school year?

Yes, Eden CISD plans to reopen campus buildings, as required by the TEA, to provide both in-person instruction and online learning on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

2. What additional safety measures will the district have in place in response to COVID-19?

The district plans to:

- i. Increase cleaning regimens in all school areas.

- ii. Regularly disinfect classrooms, buses, gyms, restrooms, cafeteria and other public areas throughout the school day as well as during regular cleaning times.
- iii. Provide face masks, hand sanitizers, and gloves if requested by staff or students.
- iv. Screen staff and students for COVID-19 symptoms.
- v. Limit visitors to campuses and large group gatherings.

3. Will my child be required to wear a mask at school?

Yes, masks will be required for students in grade 4 and up and for staff members when entering/exiting facilities and in common areas (classrooms, hallways, reception areas, restrooms). Masks are not required in outdoor areas when social distancing can be practiced and when eating or drinking. Masks can be brought from home, and the school will provide masks for those who need them.

4. What will online learning look like for my student?

Eden CISD will offer both models recommended by the TEA – synchronous and asynchronous learning. Synchronous learning means that students will log in to a laptop (provided by the school) and see the lesson in real time with their teacher. Back and forth communication will enable the student to ask questions and get help. Under the asynchronous model, students will be required to complete assignments each day at home with monitoring by a teacher via phone, email, Google classroom, or Zoom. Students at the secondary level will have a mix of both synchronous and asynchronous classes, and students at the elementary level will have asynchronous lessons.

With both models, students **MUST** complete assignments every day to get credit for their school work. Students are required to attend at least 90% of their classes [Texas Education Code, §25.092] to receive credit and be promoted. Remote attendance will count in the same manner as on-campus attendance in satisfying this requirement. ***This is a change from online learning in the spring semester.***

5. How will food service be impacted for the 2020-2021 school year?

The number of students in the cafeteria will be reduced so that spacing between students and classes can be maximized. Cleaning protocols will be in place to disinfect tables and serving lines between lunch times. To reduce the spread of germs, microwaves will not be allowed for student use in the upcoming school year. Also, meals will not be delivered for students who choose online learning due to increased demands on cafeteria personnel.

6. If I choose online learning for my student, will he/she be able to participate in extracurricular activities?

Yes, students who choose online learning will be eligible for participation. The student must meet requirements for accumulated credits, must pass courses according to UIL guidelines, and must meet attendance requirements. Also, online students must attend the course during the school day for their extracurricular activity. For example, a band student must attend band class in person at the school to be eligible for participation in marching band. Transportation is not provided by the school district.

Please continue to check in to our website at www.edencisd.net for the latest updates.