



July 2, 2020

Dear Etoile ISD Parents and Guardians,

We are busy planning and preparing for the upcoming school year. We have been purposeful and thoughtful in our discussions/decisions. Our focus is to provide a high-quality education to our students that will enable them to become the best possible version of themselves while providing a safe environment for our students and staff.

COVID-19 has definitely changed how we approach this year and there are still many unknowns. We are doing all we can to protect and preserve face-to-face instruction along with the school year.

Public Health & Safety:

1. Our custodial staff will be using GenEon portable devices to sanitize and disinfect classrooms, etc. on a daily basis.
2. We have upgraded our A/C filters to Merv-8.
3. Kindergarten thru 8th grade meals will be served in the classrooms.
4. Hand Sanitizer stations will be set up in all classrooms and entry point to our campus.
5. We will utilize a temperature screening system for all students, staff, and visitors.
6. We are installing water bottle filling stations around the campus for student use instead of water fountains.
7. All classrooms will have individual student desks.
8. Our **staff** has elected to wear face-coverings in group settings.
9. We will maintain consistent groupings of student and staff to minimize virus spread.

Education:

Each parent/guardian will have the option to select the type of learning environment that will best fit the needs of his/her family for the 2020-2021 school year. The options are: *Traditional Instruction* (Face-to-face) and *Remote Instruction* (Asynchronous learning at home at their own pace with daily lessons delivered through Google Classroom by the teacher). We will be calling families this next week to find out what works best for them and answer any questions they might have. Families will be asked to commit to Traditional or Remote Instruction closer to the start of school.

1. We have purchased additional devices so that we can send home a device each student and he/she will still have a device here at school. That way if we have to shut down due to an outbreak, etc. we can switch to remote instruction quickly.
2. Our instructional staff members are currently working on their Google Classroom Level 1 certifications. The goal is to have everyone certified by August 1.
3. We will be using a blended learning station-rotation model this school year in both learning environments.
4. Our school calendar has two additional weeks in it this year. They are labeled as COVID Flex days. These days would first be used in the event we had a positive case and had to shut down. If we did not need them for a COVID outbreak, then we would use those days to tutor students in need, much like summer school.
5. Students in the Traditional Instruction environment will dismiss each Friday at 1 p.m. Instruction staff will use the remainder of the day for staff development, planning, making parent contact, etc.

This is the most current information we have at this point. We are still waiting on guidelines from the Texas Education Agency. Please be aware that this information is subject to change.

We love our students, staff, and community! We are looking forward to an outstanding year. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Thanks,
Etoile ISD