



LITTLEFIELD



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2020-2021 Instructional Options

As we continue to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 17, 2020, administrators and Teachers are working diligently to design a plan for academic success for LITTLEFIELD ISD students. Our goal is to welcome students back in a way that best fits their educational needs, while keeping health and safety at the forefront. However, there are no easy answers, and there is not a "one size fits all" solution. LISD's plans for the 2020-21 school year include the option to choose either a face-to-face or a remote learning environment. While we are planning for two different instructional environments, please know that we will follow recommendations for school opening and operations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as state and local health officials. We are also awaiting further guidance from the Texas Education Agency, and therefore must be flexible in our planning. As adjustments may be necessary throughout the coming school year, it will be our priority to keep our community informed of those changes and updates. Littlefield ISD families will be able to choose from two different learning environments:

- **Face-to-face¹:** Students and teachers will attend class in-person, five days a week, with additional safety measures in alignment with state and federal guidelines and recommendations
- **LISD Home Learning Program²:** Parents will have the choice to select this program which is virtual (remote) learning consisting of both synchronous (live) and asynchronous instruction.

Administrators will continue to develop the 2020-2021 back to school plan and seek input from the community in the coming days. The plan is scheduled to be released to the public soon. Thank you for your patience as we work to make the best decisions possible for our students and staff in these uncertain times. We value each of our students and families and appreciate the trust you have placed in our school system. We look forward to seeing you for the 2020-21 school year.

1 Face-to-Face Learning Overview

- Teachers will plan instruction that is easily transferable from face-to-face to remote in the event of a temporary school closure due to COVID spread.
- Students who attend face-to-face instruction will be scheduled into the courses they selected last spring during course selection.
- All courses will be offered in **both** settings.
- Social distancing requirements will be implemented to the greatest degree possible.
- District-directed and campus-designed safety procedures will be implemented.
- All staff and students will receive training on safety and health protocols consistent with TEA, the District and CDC guidance in the areas of:
 - Health screenings and use of personal protective equipment
 - Classroom and campus social-distancing including the plans for the design and layout of classrooms, grouping of students, use of common areas such as bathrooms, water fountains, lockers, clinics, playgrounds, cafeterias, gyms, library, art room, music room, etc., as well as classroom transitions and use of hallways
 - Reducing touch points and increased cleaning
 - Cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and other areas
 - Arrival and dismissal procedures
 - Campus visitor policies and school events

2 Texas Home Learning



PLEASE NOTE: The details on this page are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or health officials or as public health conditions change. Check back for updated, accurate information.

Texas Home Learning is a remote learning opportunity supported by the Texas Education Agency that will allow students to engage in high quality learning experiences, utilize Littlefield ISD instructional resources and meaningfully connect with their teachers and other students. All activities will be designed to meet the needs of the student in the online environment through differentiated experiences that are consistent with those of their grade-level peers attending face-to-face.

Texas Home Learning programming will consist of both synchronous and asynchronous learning activities.

- **Synchronous learning** is defined as two-way, real-time, live, instruction between teachers and students, through the computer or other electronic devices.
- **Asynchronous learning** is a curricular experience where students engage in the learning materials on their own time, interacting intermittently with the teacher via the computer or other electronic devices.

Selecting Your Student Learning Environment

As a family, you will select which environment you feel is best for your student(s). If you determine that your student(s) will attend face-to-face, at school (in person) instruction, or if your student(s) will select the Texas Home Learning program (fully remote) option, each parent will need to fill out the online form. The form is located on the Littlefield Independent School District Website, www.lfdisd.org, main web page called "**Student Instruction Request Form**." In order to plan appropriately, Littlefield ISD is asking all parents to go online and fill out the Student Instructional Request form, by **Monday, August 3rd**. Receiving this information early will help Littlefield ISD plan for student schedules, staffing and preventative health and safety measures.

Your Texas Home Learning selection for your student will be in effect for the first six-week grading period. Further guidance beyond the first grading period will be provided after the start of the school year. If you do not select Texas Home Learning (remote) learning by Monday, August 3, your child's campus will automatically schedule your student in face-to-face classes for the fall semester. We recognize that situations may develop warranting a potential change in your original choice. After Monday, August 3, please contact your child's campus directly if you need to make changes to your selection.

[Click here to access the "Student Instruction Request Form"](#)

Texas Home Learning Overview

- Teachers will teach Texas Home Learning students from their classrooms or other assigned LISD facilities.
- In this setting, teachers will provide instruction, learning resources and support through the use of Microsoft Teams Classroom.
- Parents will support their students to ensure they have access to the device provided by LISD, a place to work and are engaged in virtual learning activities.
- We will utilize the same curriculum as students who attend face-to-face instruction and will design strategies for learning in the remote environment.
- Students enrolled in Texas Home Learning will be assigned a virtual class schedule and should be available for live, synchronous instruction during each school day.
- Attendance will be taken based on both synchronous and asynchronous participation and completion/progress toward class expectations.
- Grading will be consistent with the guidelines and practices used in all face-to-face instruction.
- Students in grades 6-12 choosing remote Texas Home Learning may not be able to participate in on-campus classes for extracurricular activities (in accordance with UIL requirements) and/or electives that cannot be offered in the virtual setting.
- All courses other than those specifically related to Extracurricular Activities will be offered in **both** settings.
- Some elective courses for students who select LISD Texas Home Learning may require the student to complete a required assignment or project at the campus if the course requires assignments that cannot be reasonably completed remotely, e.g., technology, welding, a/v production, etc.
- We are working to finalize which elective courses will require in-person assignments; in early August, more information will be made available to better assist families with their elective choices
- Students who select LISD Texas Home Learning will be contacted following registration regarding their schedule if the elective courses requested require an in-person component