



La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy

Student Eligibility Criteria



- Be age 11 or younger
- Students older than 11 may qualify if they are medically diagnosed with a condition designated by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention as high-risk if exposed to the COVID-19 Virus.
- Have had less than 10% unexcused absences (17 total days if enrolled for a complete year) during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Earned a grade of C or higher in the foundation curriculum courses taken virtually or remotely in the preceding school year.
- For students currently enrolled in Kinder thru 3rd grade they must have achieved developed level in the End of Year Assessment. For students who did not take an End of Year Assessment, the Beginning of Year Assessment will be utilized.

Student Eligibility Criteria



- Students currently enrolled in 4th grade or higher must have achieved approaches level or higher on each STAAR assessment during the 2020-2021 school year. For students that did not test, these students will have to show grade level proficiency on a Beginning of the Year (BOY) assessment.
- Students participating in Dual Enrollment courses do not qualify for the La Joya ISD Virtual Academy.
- Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students do not qualify for virtual instruction.
- The number of students in the remote learning option will be capped at 10% of all enrolled students in the District.

Medical Certification



- Parents must submit documentation from a licensed U.S. Medical Doctor (MD) that confirms that the student has a medical condition as designated by Center For Disease Control and Prevention as a high-risk if exposed to the COVID-19 Virus.
- The documentation must include the contact information of the medical provider. Medical documentation must be submitted to the school the child is currently enrolled before the application can be considered.

How to Apply



- Every parent of an eligible student who wants their child to participate in the La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy option must submit a completed application by Wednesday, September 22, 2021.
- Any eligible student interested in participating in this option must be enrolled in La Joya ISD before applying. If they are not currently enrolled in La Joya ISD, please call 956-323-2545 or go to La Joya ISD Website and enroll [Online Enrollment \(lajoyaisd.com\)](https://www.lajoyaisd.com) .
- Parents that need help completing the online application can visit their home campus or the La Joya ISD Intake Center.

How and When Will Parents be Notified



- Qualifying students will be notified by Thursday, September 23, 2021, via phone call and mail.
- Students that do not qualify will be notified by Friday, September 24, 2021, through a phone call and mail. Students that do not qualify are encouraged to attend in-person instruction.
- The La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy will commence instruction on Monday, September 27, 2021.

La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy Requirements



In order to remain enrolled:

- Students must be logged in for at least four hours of instruction to receive credit for attendance.
- Instruction will take place online, conducted through live streaming instruction and independent work.
- Students must maintain good attendance (less than 3 unexcused absences) during each six-week grading period.
- Students must maintain a class average of 80% or better.
- Students must follow La Joya ISD Virtual Behavior Student Expectations [La Joya ISD - Student Services](#).

La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy Requirements



- Students meeting eligibility requirements may participate in extracurricular activities at their home campus.
- La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy students will be required to come on campus to participate in district and State-required academic assessments.
- Parents will have to commit to attend parent/teacher virtual conferences, as requested by the teacher or administration.

Failure to meet the above requirements may result in the student returning to in-person instruction. Each student or parent will be given sufficient notice and opportunity to provide input before a student is removed from the La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy.

Instructional Staff



- Teachers will be highly trained in the application and delivery of instruction via a virtual platform.
- Teachers will deliver instruction synchronously, which means two-way, real-time/live virtual instruction between teachers and students. Teachers will not teach concurrently.
- The teacher to student ratio will follow the state-mandated requirements.
- District teachers will be 100% certified.
- Teachers will be on campus and accessible to parents and students virtually or in-person during their planning periods.

Instructional Schedule and Calendar



The La Joya ISD Virtual Learning Academy will follow the same board approved instructional calendar and schedule and In-Person students.

Campus	Instruction Time for Students	Ending Time for Students	Beginning Time for Teachers	Ending Time for Teachers
Elementary Schools	7:35 am	3:05 pm	7:30 am	3:30 pm
Middle Schools	8:15 am	3:50 pm	8:10 am	4:10 pm
High Schools	8:35 am	4:30 pm	8:30 am	4:30 pm

La Joya Independent School District 2021-2022

Six Weeks Period

Days	Minutes
1st Six Weeks = 22	13,050
2nd Six Weeks = 22	9,900
3rd Six Weeks = 32	14,400
First Semester Total: 83	37,350
4th Six Weeks = 28	12,600
5th Six Weeks = 29	15,050
6th Six Weeks = 32	14,400
Second Semester Total: 89	40,050
Total School Days 172	77,400

In-service /TEP Days 9
Preparation Days 6
Total Teacher Days for the Year 187

Student Holidays

- Preparation Days: 8/10, 8/13, 10/4, 1/7, 2/21, 5/27
- Labor Day: 9/6
- Thanksgiving: 11/24-11/26
- Christmas Break: 12/23-1/05
- Spring Break: 3/14-3/18
- Easter: 4/15, 4/18
- In-service Days: 8/9, 8/11, 8/12, 10/1, 11/12, 1/6, 2/18, 10/11, 2/7
- Bad Weather Days
- Early Release: 5/27
- Graduation: 5/27
- TEP Days: 11/22, 11/23

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⦿ Bad Weather Day
★ TEP Day
◊ Early Release
 Graduation

Days highlighted in green are testing days

Calendar Grids: August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021, December 2021, January 2022, February 2022, March 2022, April 2022, May 2022, June 2022, July 2022



Instructional Supports and Curriculum

- The designed curriculum will guide students in achieving their educational goals and objectives. The curriculum process will have clear and specific behavioral and observable outcomes.
- Instruction will be delivered via the Google Classroom platform.
- Virtual learners will be allowed to visit schools and check out instructional materials and resources.
- Students will be issued out instructional devices:
 - Chromebook
 - Hotspot
- Students will have access to in-person and virtual counseling and social-emotional supports.