

# Zavalla Independent School District

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Dear Z.I.S.D. Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the 20-21 school year approaches, there are a lot of questions regarding what the reopening of schools will look like. We are preparing for the new school year in ways that will offer your family choices.

Our priorities are keeping students and staff safe, providing high quality instruction and supporting social, emotional, and nutritional needs. We recognize that looks different for everyone. Some will feel comfortable sending your children back to school buildings while others will prefer to continue distance learning. We will offer two options for the 20-21 school year.

The first option is “real time” school where students physically attend classes daily on the campus, 5 days per week, Monday through Friday. Great planning and preparation is taking place to maximize social distancing, provide personal protection equipment for staff and students, ensure frequent handwashing and deliver increased cleaning of classrooms and common areas. We will follow state and local health guidelines as we reopen. We are developing protocols to ensure safety whether it is a bus ride to school or learning in the classroom.

The second option is asynchronous learning where students engage in learning the material and interacting daily but intermittently with the teacher via the computer, other electronic devices or the phone. This option requires the student to remain in asynchronous learning for an entire grading period (six weeks) before opting into another instructional delivery model, if desired.

For those that prefer asynchronous method, it looks different than it did in the Spring. Texas Education Agency (TEA) has required us to develop a more robust learning experience. There will be high expectations for participation, on time completion of work, daily attendance, increased opportunities for real time lessons and daily contact with teachers. Students will be expected to do the same work and assignments as students attending a regular school and the district grading policy will be followed.

No matter which option you choose, expect high quality instruction for your child delivered by well trained teachers. Our teachers will receive extra support and professional development to prepare for the upcoming school year. They will be prepared to provide engaging learning for students.

No matter how you decide to join us in August, we will be ready to support you and your family. Additional information will be coming soon. Please continue to check our website and social media venues for the latest updates as we continue to finalize plans leading to August 13th. We look forward to seeing you back at school!

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