



# DEKALB ISD STRONG START

## *INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS*

### **2020-2021**

**DeKalb ISD will offer two instructional options for students in the 2020-2021 school year. You may elect for your child to return to school for traditional face-to-face instruction or you may elect a virtual at-home option.**

#### **TRADITIONAL FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION**

- Considering guidelines from TEA, CDC, state public health orders, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, DISD will take steps to ensure the safety of all students and staff members while carrying out the daily traditional school learning model of instruction. A full copy of this plan will be published in the coming weeks.
- Students wishing to participate in extracurricular activities within the district must be enrolled in the face-to-face traditional school model.

#### **VIRTUAL AT-HOME LEARNING**

- Instruction is delivered virtually and students engage in the learning materials on their own time, interacting daily with the teacher via the computer or a learning management system.
- Staff will check daily for student engagement in each course and mark present in attendance, if the student is engaged. Students who are not engaged in the learning for that day will be marked absent.
- Certain electives will not be available for online learning.
- Standards for grading will be aligned with policies for traditional instruction.
- Please note that online learning for the 2020-2021 school year will be a robust program that will require a high level of engagement from the student, monitored and taught by a teacher, with oversight from a parent or guardian.
- Devices will be provided for students in grades 8-12 as we have done in previous years. High-speed internet will be the family's responsibility.
- Students will be able to enroll or withdraw from the virtual model at the end of any grading period.
- Students participating in online learning are not eligible for participation in extracurricular activities.