

Rains Independent School District

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WELCOME BACK! I am so excited to welcome our students and staff back to campus! I am honored to be the superintendent to all of our amazing students, from the littles in the Class of 2034 to the leaders in the Class of 2021!

During Spring Break last year, our world threw us a challenge like we did not expect. With the help of our parents and community members, we were able to meet our students' needs, and for that, we will be eternally grateful. You were patient and kind, and we cannot thank you enough for that. While you did get a little more family time than usual, we missed our kids and can't wait to have them back with us!

Teachers and staff have worked all summer to ensure that we are prepared to live up to the Rains ISD mission statement. We will work every day to provide "a safe and innovative learning environment that nurtures a growth mindset, offers resources and opportunities that maximize each student's potential, and inspires life-long learners in an ever-changing world." There will be challenges this year unlike what we have seen before. Communication and teamwork will be key, as always, to another successful year. Keeping everyone safe will continue to be at the forefront of our mission, and we do not take lightly the task that we have been given. Each student enrolled with Rains ISD deserves a safe, quality education.

This year, some of you will be learning from home, and some of you will be attending face-to-face instruction. There are still questions about how this is going to work. "Rains ISD Return to School Guidance", which will hopefully answer some of your questions, is posted on social media and the school website. It addresses many of the protocols and systems that we are putting in place. This guidance has been created with direction from the Texas Education Agency and state and local officials. There are many new things and new people in the district. Please continue to work with us and be patient. We want to make sure that all paths lead to a successful educational experience.



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No matter the path you and your family choose, we promise to be here to guide you. We are all partners in this!

As our vision statement says, "We embrace challenges." COVID-19 has proven that it will present challenges, some which we foresee, and others which we do not. As you have given us grace, we ask that you continue to do so. Every child attending Rains ISD is precious to us, and every staff member knows the importance of working together so that quality education is provided.

As we created our vision for Rains ISD, we began with, "In the pursuit of excellence…" We will work hard every day to create partnerships with our families and community members, standing together to support the students of Rains ISD. We will overcome challenges. We will find opportunities hidden in those challenges, and we will embrace the hidden possibilities. We are a team. We are Rains!

Remember...

"Every day is a GREAT DAY to be a Wildcat!"

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent