

STISD Health Professions Flexible Learning Guidance

Purpose: The purpose of STISD Flexible Learning opportunity is for students to continue to receive the innovative and rigorous curriculum and instructional supports while away from campus. This opportunity will continue to create a supportive environment for students to continue to gain understanding of content and skills while still developing into independent learners.

Communication: For communication purposes, parents are encouraged to update their Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Infinite Campus, Health Professions Facebook and Health Professions Twitter will be used as the communication tools between parents and our school. Students should use their **official school email** to communicate with teachers or a learning platform such as Microsoft Office 365, Blackboard, Schoology, Pearson, Edmentum, Google Classroom, etc. Each teacher will email students how they will communicate and the platform they will utilize.

Office Hours: Teachers, campus instructional technology specialist and campus technology support specialist will be available for 60 minutes Monday thru Friday for office hours to support any questions students might have related to their courses.

Office Hours

Time	Department Office Hours
8:00am – 9:00am	Technology Support
9:00am - 10:00am	Math
10:00am – 11:00am	Science
11:00am – 12:00pm	Social Studies
12:00pm – 1:00pm	FAPETAs (Fine Arts, Physical Education, Technology Applications)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	English
2:00pm – 3:00pm	HST
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Spanish
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Technology Support

Additionally, teachers will continuously check emails to communicate with students and parents.

Student Schedule: Due to the nature of STISD Flexible Learning, students will not follow their traditional block schedule. Students will have the flexibility to work on their assignments at their own pace along with guidance from their teachers. The aforementioned office hours are available to ensure that students know when a teacher and technology support will be available.

****Please continue with any home schedule that you currently follow to guide and support your children.***

Syllabus: Due to current circumstance, the classroom syllabus shared with parents and students at the beginning of the school year, will be amended to accommodate STISD Flexible Learning. Teachers will plan creative and innovating lessons that engage student via an online platform.

Grading: Teachers are expected to provide weekly feedback to students on their progress. The 3-week grade-reporting period will continue to be implemented. Departments must reflect on the expectations set for each grade category – for example, class participation might need to be modified to maybe participation in a forum discussion.

Attendance: Teachers must advise students of their attendance procedures. Some of the forms of attendance are timestamps of student platform logins, student posts, assignment submissions, and discussions. As an example, student submission of the assignment due for the week, can be a form of attendance for the week.

Lesson Plans: Teachers are expected to develop lesson plans that are engaging for students, while meeting course expectations, but not demand or set expectations that are not sensible and realistic to the current and unforeseen situations being experienced by our students and families.

Curriculum: A student learning management system will be utilized by teachers to deliver their curriculum. Some of the platforms being utilized are Microsoft Office 365, Blackboard, Schoology, Pearson, Edmentum, Google Classroom, etc. Students are encouraged to continue to seek support from their teachers through the online platform and during teachers' office hours. Infinite Campus will continue to be utilized as our grading system to inform students and parents of the progress being made in the courses. Teachers are encouraged to participate in department online collaborative meetings to enhance, develop and share best practices in their curriculum.

Instruction: A student learning management system will be utilized by teachers to deliver instruction. Some of the platforms being utilized are Microsoft Office 365, Blackboard, Schoology, Pearson, Edmentum, Google Classroom, etc. Some of the forms of instruction can include pre-recorded lectures, tutorials, demonstrations, PowerPoint presentations and any other resources or materials consisting of content necessary for students to complete their weekly assignments. ***Please be flexible.*** The form of delivery must be concise and sequenced for student understanding. For any project, assessment, assignments and discussion boards, a grading rubric or guideline needs to be defined. **As an example**, if discussion forums will be utilized, weekly discussion forum topics should be open-ended and designed to allow students to reflect on the content they covered and the assignment they completed. Teachers must provide guiding questions for discussion topics to promote higher-order thinking. Responses to weekly discussion forums must be a minimum of 100 words, with responses to peers being 50 words minimum. Teachers must provide feedback to students on forum.

Teacher Resources: Teachers and students are encouraged to use their Microsoft Office 365 One Drive to share resources with each other as well as students. Our libraries are also a great resource.

Academic Support: Academic support will continue to be offered to all students. Students currently participating in various programs as Special Education, 504 and ESL programs will continue to receive the supports necessary to fulfill their individual education plans. Program case managers as well as teachers will continue to provide support for students as necessary through their preferred online platform. If a teacher provides student contracts, they must be monitored and completed by the end of the academic year. ***Please modify contracts as needed and as necessary due to the extenuating circumstances being experienced by everyone.***

Internet support: Parents in need to Internet service during this time are encouraged to call Spectrum 1-800-488-8395. Also, please call your cellphone service provider as most providers have unlocked hotspot usage and increased data usage limits temporarily.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email our counselors and administrators:

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