



South Texas ISD

Rising Scholars Academy

GRADES 7-8 | SAN BENITO

Flexible Learning Plan

Purpose: The purpose of our online distance learning program is for students to continue to receive the innovative and rigorous curriculum and instructional supports while away from campus. Our Flexible Learning Plan will continue to create a supportive and flexible learning 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. Also, parents are encouraged to enroll to our school Remind accounts for *RSA Students and Family* and *Technology support* for students. Please email Mr. Andrade at fernando.andrade@stisd.net for the Remind codes. Infinite Campus, Remind, Facebook and Twitter will be used as the communication tools between parents and our school. Students should continue to use their official school email to communicate with teachers or a learning platform such as Microsoft Office 365, REMIND, Blackboard and Google Classroom. Each teacher will advise students how they will communicate and the platform they will utilize for their courses.

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, Google Classroom and Edmodo. Students are asked to follow their regular class schedule while away from campus as a form of making positive progress towards class requirements while enrolled in flexible learning courses. Students are encouraged to continue to seek support from their teachers through the online platform and during teachers' office hours. Teachers will continue to facilitate and support students and parents beyond their 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 will communicate to students all necessary course information regarding individual course requirements.

Assessments: The Texas Education Agency has waived the STAAR and EOC exams for this school year. As far as AP and Credit-by-Exams (CBEs), we are currently receiving information from College Board and approved universities for CBEs. As soon as we receive all the determining information and guidance by all these agencies, we will provide you with information pertaining to the process and implementation.

Academic Support: Academic support will continue to be offered to all of our students. Students currently participating in various programs as Special Education, 504 and ESL programs will continue to receive the supports necessary to fulfill their educational

plans facilitated by program case managers. Furthermore, support services and processes previously established will continue to support our students' growth and progress in meeting their goals. Departments and Teams (71-84) will continue to have weekly collaborative meetings every Thursday and Friday to continue to monitor, support and guide our students to be successful.

Office Hours: Teachers will be available for 60 minutes Monday thru Wednesday for office hours to support any questions students might have related to their courses. Teachers will continue to utilize Thursdays and Fridays to meet as Departments and Teams. Besides the scheduled office hours, parents and students are encouraged to continue to communicate with teachers through email and through the learning platforms. Students are encouraged to continue to seek support from their teachers through the online platform and during teachers' office hours. The following office hours will be used by teachers. Teachers will inform their students in advance for any deviations from this schedule.

Office Hours

Time	Department Office Hours
9:00am – 10:00am	Math
10:00am – 11:00am	Science
11:00am – 12:00pm	Social Studies
12:00pm – 1:00pm	ELA and Reading
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Electives
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Special Programs Case Managers
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Technology Support

Schedule: Online Distance Learning will follow the same school calendar and schedule set for the year. Students will be enrolled and participate on online courses based on their regular school schedule. Students are encouraged to manage their time appropriately based on the **suggested bell schedules below or one that supports completion of assignments with the guidance of parents.**

SUGGESTED SCHEDULES

**Please continue with any home schedule that you currently follow to guide and support your children. Below are some suggested schedules as a form of guidance in organizing the day or week.*

Daily Schedule

Monday Focus	Tuesday Focus	Wednesday Focus	Thursday Focus	Friday Focus
Math Course	Science Course	Social Studies	ELAR	Electives
Daily Breaks	Daily Breaks	Daily Breaks	Daily Breaks	Daily Breaks

A/B Block schedule

Period	Time
Breakfast	7:30am – 8:25am
1	8:30am – 10:00am
2	10:05am – 11:30am
Lunch	11:35am – 1:00pm
3	1:05pm – 2:30pm
4	2:35pm – 4:00pm

Parent Resources: These are some of the links that can support you and our scholars with information and resources.

Website	Topic	Address
South Texas ISD	District website	http://www.stisd.net/
Rising Scholars Academy	School website	http://rsa.stisd.net/
RSA Libraries	Library website	http://libraries.stisd.net/rising_scholars_library
Academic	Khan Academy	https://www.khanacademy.org/
College Board	PSAT 8/9	https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9
Big Future	College & Career	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
CALM	Mental Fitness	https://www.calm.com/
STISD Calendar	Academic Calendar 2019-2020	http://www.stisd.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6077198/File/Calendar/2019-2020%20Calendar/2019-2020%20South%20Texas%20ISD%20School%20Calendar%20Board%20Approved.pdf