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WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STARTING SCHOOL  
**ONLINE**

2020-2021

Following the current Hidalgo County Health Order and in alignment with current Texas Education Agency guidelines, Weslaco ISD will start the new school year using remote (at-home) learning.





As a result of State Attorney General Ken Paxton's opinion issued on July 28, 2020 relative to County and City health authority Orders, Weslaco ISD is reviewing its back-to-school plans for 2020-2021.

The health and safety of students, staff, and families is of utmost importance as the district moves forward with planning the best remote learning experiences for the beginning of the school year.

The Texas Education Agency has stated that school districts can provide instruction remotely for the first four weeks of school and that the School Board may extend the remote learning period by only four additional weeks.

Weslaco ISD will begin the school year with engaging, high-quality remote (at home) learning experiences.



## **AT HOME LEARNING**

**All students will start school with remote or online learning. WISD will offer Chromebooks to every student. Students will not be expected to be at school in person.**

**Classes will be attended remotely from home.**

There will be two types of at home learning provided by WISD:  
Synchronous and Asynchronous. By law students are required to participate daily with a minimum of 90 percent attendance to receive credit and be promoted.

## SYNCHRONOUS

(LIVE ONLINE LEARNING)

This requires students and teachers to be online at the same time.

For example: Students and teachers participate in live, teacher-supported work on video conference calls. Tests are scheduled and timed online.

More information: Online live learning will follow a schedule with students attending class via computers from home. Daily attendance will be checked and students who are not logged in will be marked absent. If needed, technology equipment will be made available to students.

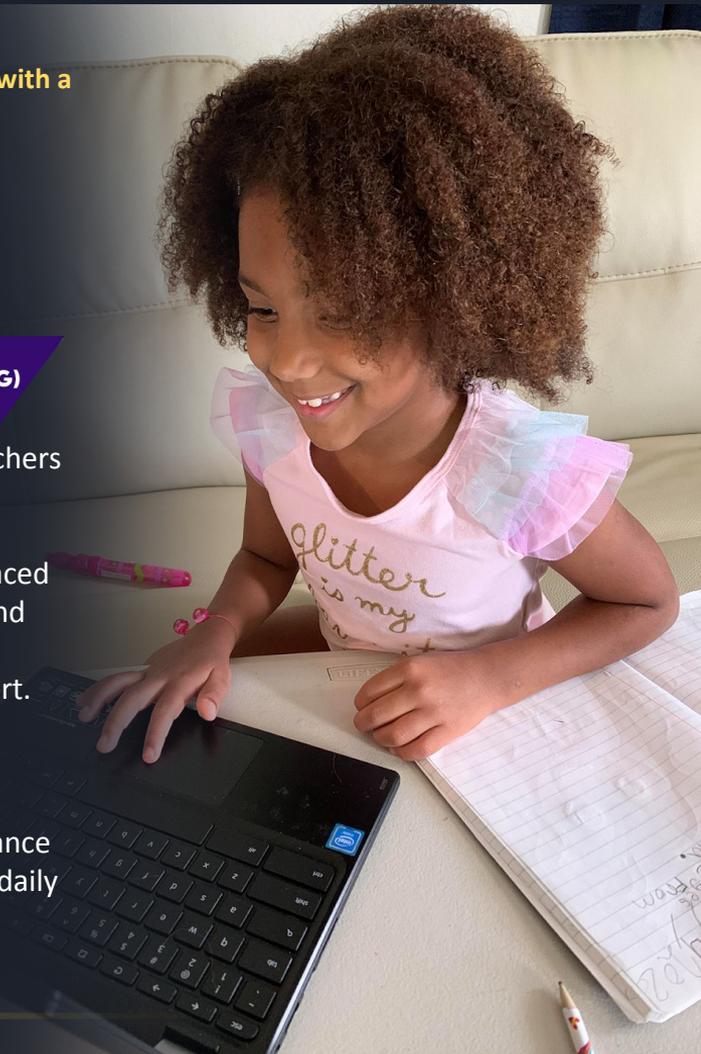
## ASYNCHRONOUS

(SELF-PACED ONLINE LEARNING)

This does not require students and teachers to log on at the same time.

For example: Online courses are self-paced with intermittent teacher instruction and preassigned work. Student will watch pre-recorded videos with guided support.

More information: While learning is self-paced, some online meetings or lectures may be required. Daily attendance will be checked by examining students daily engagement. If needed, technology equipment will be made available to students.





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More information on Synchronous and  
Asynchronous can be found here:  
[https://youtu.be/1\\_b\\_BfzTGc](https://youtu.be/1_b_BfzTGc)

