

# Temporary Virtual Learning Option

Fort Worth ISD Board Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:30 p.m.

# Prioritizing In-Person Learning

- Our focus will remain on a safe, quality, and in-person instructional experience for students.
- We will continue reaching out to bring families back to school.
- Fort Worth ISD remains committed to prioritizing the health and safety of students, employees and families.
   We are continuously reviewing and improving our COVID-19 protocols.



### 2021-2022 School Year Planning

#### Fort Worth ISD Research and Preparation for Virtual Learning Option

February – March 2021	Gathered data/feedback around virtual learning
April 2021	Prepared grant application for technical assistance
May 2021	Submitted grant application to Texas Education Agency and participated in a selection interview.
June 2021	Notified of grant selection pending results of legislative session; received notification that the grant would not be awarded since funding for virtual learning was not approved.

# **Current Legislative Session**

# School districts are following Senate Bill 15

- Includes funding for virtual learning
- Passed the Senate and is currently in the House
- Hearings begin on August 24th



#### **Temporary Virtual Learning Option Goals**

- Establish a temporary virtual learning option for the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Prioritized for age groups that are not eligible for vaccination and have a documented medical condition that prevents them from attending school due to COVID-19.
- Available to students enrolled in the District for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

#### **Temporary Virtual Learning Option Goals**



- Synchronous learning option that is aligned to the district curriculum.
- Instruction from highly-qualified Texas certified teachers.
- Does not require District teachers to teach both virtual and in-person.

Synchronous online learning means that students are <u>required</u> to log in and participate in class at a specific time. Synchronous learning provides live instruction for a set period of time.

# Temporary Virtual Learning Option (TVLO)

#### **Stakeholder Input**

- District Survey Data
- Let's Talk
- Public Comment
- Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> School Principals
- Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Partnerships



#### **Temporary Virtual Learning Option**

#### PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

#### **Students**

- Students who are not currently able to be vaccinated (under age 12) are eligible
- Students with a verifiable medical condition that prevents them from attending school in person due to COVID-19

#### **Teachers**

- All teachers will be fully certified to teach in Texas
- Services contracted with a third-party vendor
- Current Fort Worth ISD teachers will continue with in-person instruction

### **Participation Order of Priority**

Selection for participation shall be based on a lottery system as well as the following characteristics of each applicant, in this order of priority:

- 1. Students with a verifiable medical condition that prevents them from attending school in person due to COVID-19.
- 2. A resident sibling of a student with a verifiable medical condition.
- 3. Students that live with a family member that has a verifiable medical condition that puts them at risks for severe COVID-19.
- 4. Students who are not currently able to be vaccinated (under age 12)



- Serves various districts throughout the state and country Dallas ISD, Chicago Public Schools, Fort Bend ISD
- Provides Texas certified teachers to meet district needs
- Synchronous instructional program using the Zoom platform
- Follows the Fort Worth ISD scope and sequence
- Uses District approved curriculum resources and tools

# **Budget Impact**

#### Projection without legislative funding support for virtual learning.

Proximity Learning Contracted Services

\$1,784,698.50

Potential reduction in ADA funding

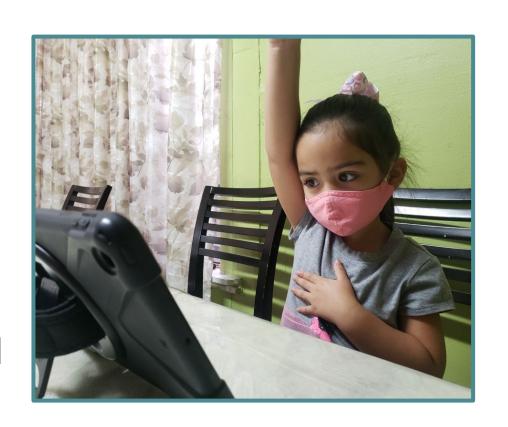
\$10,000,000.00

School districts in Texas receive state funding based in part on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) numbers. ADA is a **figure that indicates the average number of students who attend a particular school district in a school year**.

### **Temporary Virtual Learning Option**

#### **Virtual Learning Details:**

- Fully synchronous
- Taught by a Texas certified teacher
- Students will have 6 hours of face-to-face instruction daily (focus on Literacy and Math)
- Electives (Art, music, PE) also offered
- Funded with ESSER



# Instructional Program

# Sample Program Structure Grades K-5

Schedule	Subject	Minutes
8:30 - 9:10 AM	Literacy	40
9:10 - 9:40 AM	Enrichment - Art/Music/Theatre	30
9:40 - 10:25 AM	Math	45
10:25 - 10:55 AM	Social Studies	30
10:55 - 11:35 AM	Literacy	40
11:35 AM	LUNCH	30
12:05 - 12:35 PM	Health/PE	30
12:35 - 1:20 PM	Math	45
1:20 - 2:00 PM	Literacy	40
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Science	30

# Instructional Program

## Sample Program Structure Grade 6

Schedule	Subject	Minutes
8:30 - 9:20 AM	Literacy	50
9:20 - 10:10 AM	Math	50
10:10 - 10:55 AM	Enrichment - Art/Music/Theatre	45
10:55 - 11:45 AM	Social Studies	50
11:45 AM	LUNCH	30
12:15 - 1:00 PM	Moving to Wellness	45
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Science	50
1:50 - 2:35 PM	CTE/STEM	45

#### **Instructional Program**

#### **Report Cards**

- Students will follow district reporting calendar.
- Grades will be given and shared with families.

#### **Tutoring**

- Virtual tutoring will be available through our ESSER tutoring plan.
- Targeted individualized tutoring for students outside the school day using contracted services.

# **Special Populations**

- Applications for students who are receiving special education services will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary team that includes an administrator, general educator, special educator, related service provider and the parents.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) supports will be provided by the third-party partner.
- Bilingual classes will also be available.
- Gifted and Talented (GT) students will receive enrichment support through Renzulli Learning.



### **Technology**

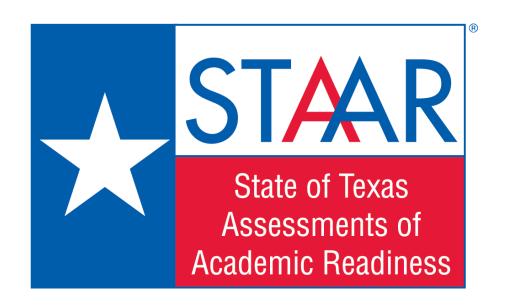
 Students enrolled in the Temporary Virtual Learning Option will use their District issued technology (iPad/Chromebook) to access all of their learning.



- Hot Spots will be provided for students that do not have access to reliable internet.
   Parents may contact the school so that a hotspot can be provided to the student.
- DiG iN WiFi: The Fort Worth ISD Reliable Internet Access project will also provide a robust private wireless network with adequate network capacity to students in targeted areas for Phase I of the project.

# **Testing**

- Students required to attend school for state and local testing.
  - ✓ STAAR
  - ✓ STAAR Benchmarks
  - ✓ TX KEA
  - ✓ MAP
- Fort Worth ISD is exploring centralized options for virtual learning students.



#### **Food Service**

We will continue to provide all Fort Worth ISD students with equitable access to our food services program.

Food pickup sites are set-up throughout the District.

Sites will serve virtual students as well as students that are quarantined due to COVID-19.

Area	Pick-up Location
Eastside	William James MS
Southwest	McLean MS
West Central	Arlington Heights HS
Westside	Western Hills HS
Northeast	Carter Riverside HS
Northwest	J.P. Elder MS
Southeast	A.M. Pate ES
South Central	C.C. Moss ES
Southside	South Hills ES

#### **Support for Virtual Families**

- FWISD Family Resource Centers <a href="https://www.fwisd.org/Domain/1034">https://www.fwisd.org/Domain/1034</a>
- FWISD Family Action Center <a href="https://www.fwisd.org/Domain/7075">https://www.fwisd.org/Domain/7075</a>
- FWISD Social Emotional Well-Being Project <a href="https://www.smore.com/sp2zt">https://www.smore.com/sp2zt</a>
- Care Solace https://caresolace.com/site/fortworth
- Tarrant Cares<a href="https://tarrantcares.org/">https://tarrantcares.org/</a>



#### **TVLO Agreements**

- Students will be <u>ineligible</u> to participate in any in-person learning, extracurricular, or similar events on their home campus while enrolled in the TVLO.
- Students enrolled in the TVLO may return to in-person learning at any time before the end
  of the program on December 17, 2021 but will not be able to enroll back into the TVLO.
- Upon return, enrollment in elective courses and participation in extracurricular activities will be dependent upon availability.
- Students in Gold Seal Programs, Schools of Choice or other special programs such as Dual Language will maintain their seats while enrolled in the TVLO. Students must enroll for inperson instruction by January 5, 2022 to maintain their spot for the 2022-2023 school year...

#### **TVLO Expectations**

- Students must maintain satisfactory academic performance (minimum of 70% or greater for each subject/grade level) in order to remain eligible to participate in the Temporary Virtual Learning Option.
- Students must maintain satisfactory attendance (90% or greater) in order to remain eligible to participate in the Temporary Virtual Learning Option.
- Students must follow the Fort Worth ISD Student Code of Conduct in order to remain eligible to participate in the Temporary Virtual Learning Option.

# Temporary Virtual Learning Option Important Dates for Parents



#### **Next Steps for Families**

- Visit the TVLO website for more information and to apply.
   www.fwisd.org/TVLO
- Application due by Sunday,
   August 29, 2021 at midnight.
- Mandatory Orientation (Online)
- Program Commitment Form



#### **Information and Feedback**

- TVLO webpage www.fwisd.org/TVLO
- Send all program inquiries to tvlo@fwisd.org
- Let's Talk (Topic: TVLO) www.fwisd.org/feedback
- Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be posted the TVLO webpage.
- Parents of students enrolled in TVLO will be asked to provide feedback on the program periodically via survey.

#### Virtual Learning Option for Secondary

#### Virtual Option for Grades 7-12 is available on case-by-case basis.

- Families must provide documentation of medical conditions that prevent students from attending school in-person due to COVID-19.
- Virtual learning would be provided through the Edgenuity platform only for courses that meet District graduation requirements.
  - √ No Advanced Academic options
  - ✓ No Grade Point Average (GPA) points

#### **Preserving Health and Safety**

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics**

Fort Worth ISD, in partnership with Perrone Pharmacy, will be hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics from 3:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the campus locations listed below:

Dates	Campus	Dates	Campus
8/23/2021 and 9/13/2021	Arlington Heights HS	8/26/2021 and 9/15/2021	World Language Institute
8/23/2021 and 9/13/2021	North Side HS	8/30/2021 and 9/20/2021	Dunbar HS
8/24/2021 and 9/14/2021	Diamond Hill-Jarvis HS	8/30/2021 and 9/20/2021	Trimble Technical HS
8/24/2021 and 9/14/2021	R. L. Paschal HS	8/31/2021 and 9/21/2021	Benbrook MS/HS
8/25/2021 and 9/15/2021	O. D. Wyatt HS	8/31/2021 and 9/21/2021	Polytechnic HS
8/25/2021 and 9/15/2021	South Hills HS	9/1/2021 and 9/22/2021	Southwest HS
8/26/2021 and 9/15/2021	Western Hills HS	9/1/2021 and 9/22/2021	Eastern Hills HS

https://www.fwisd.org/Page/26509

#### Fort Worth ISD Telehealth Services

COVID-19 rapid testing is available for students at telemedicine campuses and at all Family Resource centers.



Participating School-Based Telemedicine Campuses			
Carter-Riverside HS	Burton Hill ES	Sagamore Hill ES	
Northside HS	Carroll Peak ES	Bruce Shulkey ES	
O. D. Wyatt HS	George Clarke ES	Richard Wilson ES	
Wedgwood 6th	Hazel Harvey Peace	Springdale ES	
Meadowbrook MS	Rufino Mendoza ES	Washington Heights ES	
J. Martin Jacquet MS	East Handley ES	Worth Heights ES	
Wedgwood MS	Milton L Kirkpatrick ES	Woodway ES	
TCC Rivercenter (TABS)	D. McRae ES	Alice D. Contreras ES	
Young Mens LA	North Hi Mount ES	Western Hills Primary	
I.M. Terrell STEM/VPA	Oakhurst ES	Clifford Davis ES	
Benbrook ES	A M Pate ES	Cesar Chavez ES	
Boulevard Heights	Mary Louise Phillips ES	Bonnie Brae ES	
West Handley ES	Versia Williams ES	Seminary Hills Park ES	

#### Students in Quarantine

- The Temporary Virtual Learning Option (TVLO) is <u>not</u> for students in quarantine.
- Fort Worth ISD is exploring options for remote conferencing for students during quarantine.
- Program would be aligned to the Texas Education Agency guidance for remote conferencing that is eligible for funding.

