



OLNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greetings,

I hope that everyone is doing well. This is the most recent update of our initial face-to-face and remote learning guidelines. Beginning this 2020-2021 school year we will no longer charge the yearly \$40.00 lease and insurance fee.

This plan is as of August 13, 2020 and can change as a result of guidance from the federal, state, and/or local governmental entities, local health authorities, Olney ISD Administrative staff, or the Olney ISD Board of Trustees.

For the 2020-2021 school year Olney ISD will offer parents the options of either daily face-to-face instruction or online (virtual) instructional delivery. Parents must contact the school during scheduled registrations, or at any time prior to 4:00 pm Friday, August 7, 2020 to indicate their preference. We encourage parents to contact campus administrators as soon as possible. This will be of great help as we plan for the 2020-2021 school year,

<p>On Campus Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the school building • Honors/Pre-AP/AP courses • Daily temperature checks • Social distancing to the extent possible • Extracurricular activities 	<p>Remote Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% online learning at home • Honors/Pre-AP/AP (with synchronous components) • Daily login and access 8:00 am-3:45 pm • Reliable internet required • At this time no extracurricular activities. Health concerns requiring remote learning would indicate that a student is not able to participate in extracurricular activities where exposure might be greater.
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Olney ISD's Remote/Online Instruction Learning Model will require support from adults at home and within the online/remote classroom environment during regular school operating hours. Courses and course content will ensure that students continue learning at the pace of the current Olney ISD scope and sequence and continue to gain appropriate academic growth. Whether face-to-face or virtual, parents are required to opt in by 6-weeks grading period. Changes from one method to another must be requested at least two weeks prior to the end of each 6 weeks.

Through the Remote/Online Instruction Learning Model, students will continue to meet their goal of being academically prepared. Classes within the Remote/Online Instruction Learning Model are created, taught, and/or managed by Olney ISD teachers and staff and will generally follow a schedule of classes similar to those at the student's home campus. We will ensure open lines of communication between teachers, students, and parents.

IT IS CRITICAL TO NOTE

- ***The level of rigor, workload, time commitment, timing of classes, and expectations will be substantially different from the distance-learning plan implemented in the spring of 2020.***
- ***Students 100% online who take CTE courses, such as welding, food science, or ag mechanics, will be required to attend face-to-face classes for any hands on instructional components of the course.***
- ***STAAR testing will be conducted online during testing windows and the remote student will be required to test on site in a secure, safe, and distanced environment.***

Olney ISD will structure the students' Remote/Online Instruction schedule to require students to participate in an asynchronous model (flexible scheduling during the regular school day) with synchronous components (two-way, real-time, live instruction between teachers and students). The synchronous component will target specific courses and specific grade levels at the discretion of campus administration and instructional staff. The school district, parents, and students will operate under the following general guidelines for remote/online instruction.

- Students will be issued, and are required to use, a district Chromebook for remote learning. Beginning this 2020-2021 school year, there will no longer be leasing fees. Chromebooks will be considered regular instructional materials supplied by the district. Students remain responsible, as per Board Policy, for the proper usage and care of each unit just as they would a district issued textbook. Olney ISD has purchased Chromebooks for each student in the district and each student in a household will have access to their own individually assigned device. OISD will provide an Optional Chromebook Protection for purchase by students or parents. If interested in this protection plan, contact your child's campus principal.
- Students must check-in with each teacher daily during regular school hours for each class. This will be accomplished through email, video-conferencing, texting, and the use of imbedded messaging within learning management systems such as Google Classroom, Edgenuity, Study Island, etc.
- Students must complete asynchronous classroom activities each day during regular school day operating hours as well as any daily assignments.
- Students must show proof of participation in daily remote instruction by satisfactorily completing assigned tasks to demonstrate evidence of student learning, i.e. video, picture, or activities submitted as lessons, and/or completing assignments. Please Note: All lessons must have an assignment. There will be teacher discretion on the number of assignments as they follow the Olney ISD grading guidelines.
- Students and parents will communicate with the teacher when needing additional assistance, tutoring, etc.
- Remotely instructed students are not eligible for participation in extracurricular activities.

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