

When does school start?

Pleasant Grove ISD looks forward to welcoming students back to school on August 10, 2020.

How and when do I select my student's learning preference for the upcoming school year?

Parents/Guardians will receive a learning commitment survey by SchoolMessenger on Wednesday, July 22. The learning commitment survey will be due no later than Wednesday, July 29.

Can I change my student's learning preference selection once it is made?

Students are not encouraged to change their learning commitment preference until after the first grading period is complete. If you feel it is necessary to change your student's learning commitment preference before the end of the first grading period, please contact a campus administrator.

If we do not have a dedicated learning device at home, how will my student engage in remote learning?

A technology survey went to parents/guardians through SchoolMessenger on Tuesday, July 14. Pleasant Grove ISD will contact families with students who do not have a dedicated learning device at home to create a solution. If you did not complete the survey, you may complete it [here](#).

Will the remote learning curriculum be the same as the on-campus learning curriculum?

- ▶ PGISD Remote Learning will be a full course load of instruction and assignments aligned to on-campus instruction.
- ▶ This learning environment will allow students to remotely receive the same high quality instruction and learning experiences as face-to-face learners.
- ▶ Both in-person students and remote students will demonstrate mastery of concepts using traditional methods as well as assessments emphasizing application over memorization.

Will grading, GPA, or class rank be determined differently between remote and on-campus learning?

- ▶ Both the in-person and remote learning experiences will provide the same expectations around coursework and grading. Further, all high school credit courses will count in GPA calculation and class rank, per academic guidelines.

Will there be a STAAR Test in the spring?

Yes. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has indicated that STAAR and End-of-Course testing will occur during the 2020-2021 school year.

Will remote learning lessons be taught live or on pre-recorded video?

- ▶ Remote learners will receive classroom instruction via a live streaming tool.
- ▶ Remote Learning at PGISD will include both synchronous and asynchronous learning.

Will extracurricular activities continue next school year? Will remote learners be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities?

At this time, the district plans to continue extracurricular activities with proper health and safety protocols in place as recommended by The UIL, state, and local health authorities.

Students opting for the remote learning environment will be permitted to participate in on-campus extracurricular activities unless decisions from TEA (Texas Education Agency) or The UIL (University Interscholastic League) are communicated that restrict participation.

What are the transportation protocols for on-campus learners?

Bus routes will run at regular capacity. *We are requiring all of our drivers and students (as developmentally appropriate) to wear masks while on the school bus.* For a more detailed list of protocols, please review the State of Mind Return to School Plan, page 12.

What precautions will be taken on campus?

Before schools re-open, Pleasant Grove ISD will implement health and safety plans that include:

- ▶ Ensuring adequate supply inventory (e.g., PPE, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- ▶ Cleaning with products approved by governing authorities and per guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ Ensuring compliance with CDC, Health and Human Services, the Texas Education Agency and other jurisdictional policies
- ▶ Providing communication of procedures and expectations upon entering facilities and throughout buildings

What are the health screening protocols? Will there be daily temperature checks?

- ▶ Staff will be required to complete a self-screening process prior to entering a Pleasant Grove ISD building, and the district may require further screening of employees at any time based on current state and federal guidelines.
- ▶ A parent or guardian will be required to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending them to school. Parents will need to take their child's temperature daily. Additional screening may be conducted during the school day.

What are the protocols for personal protective equipment (PPE)? Will students be required to wear masks?

Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks.

- ▶ Students in third through twelfth grades will wear face coverings while at school.

- ▶ Masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ▶ It may be impractical for students to wear masks or face shields while participating in some non-UIL athletic or other extracurricular activities.
- ▶ Students will not be required to wear face coverings while eating but will be socially distanced.
- ▶ Individual needs regarding face coverings will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to campus administration.
- ▶ Additional protective equipment will be provided to school nurses for use in the clinic.
- ▶ Students and staff will be responsible for their face covering. Pleasant Grove ISD will not be responsible for providing a face covering to students and staff.

What is the protocol for visitors on campus?

Campus staff should consider utilizing virtual meeting options to limit campus visitors. All visitors who enter the building will be required to wear a face covering and those who proceed beyond the reception area.

- ▶ Parents are discouraged from entering the campus and will not be allowed beyond the front office area.
- ▶ Volunteers are not allowed to visit campuses at this time (including mentors, college representatives, guest speakers, etc.).
- ▶ Virtual tools will be used to conduct meetings such as PG Connection, Booster Club meetings, ARDs, LPAC, etc.
- ▶ All visitors will be subject to screening by way of a symptom screening form before entering any Pleasant Grove ISD facility.
- ▶ If visitors have COVID-19 symptoms, or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- ▶ All individuals entering the building will be required to wear face coverings.
- ▶ Visitors will stand behind the shield guard installed at reception desks.
- ▶ Any Individuals permitted to proceed beyond the reception area must follow all safety and campus protocols.
- ▶ At this time, due to COVID-19, mealtime visitors will not be permitted in the school cafeterias.
- ▶ Food deliveries from parents/visitors will not be permitted at this time.

What is Pleasant Grove ISD doing to address the social, emotion, and mental effects of COVID-19 on students?

District counselors may be reached by contacting your campus office. Counselors are available to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of students and families in the Pleasant Grove Independent School District.

How can I best stay informed of district updates?

Parents/guardians should check www.pgisd.net regularly for district updates. In addition, official district communication will be sent through SchoolMessenger. It is important that

parents/guardians update their email address through their campus office so that important messages can be delivered.