

# SABINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Where every student is important.*

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Sabine ISD Parents and Guardians,

Sabine ISD has been offering on campus instruction and remote instruction this school year. Our teachers and staff have worked extremely hard in preparing and presenting lessons in both formats to help ensure academic success. While our students on campus have been doing very well, our remote learners have not been as successful. After gathering the data, it shows that the failure rate of the remote learners is extremely high and far too many students are not progressing adequately.

With board approval, we have decided that we will no longer offer remote learning and all students will be required to return to campus by November 3. We encourage students to return to campus as soon as possible to achieve their maximum potential, but no later than November 3. We are currently serving about 92% of our students on campus and have had very few cases of COVID-19 cases at school. Sabine ISD will continue practicing all COVID-19 mitigation procedures including the wearing of masks or face shields, social distancing, additional cleaning practices at the campuses and limiting outside visitors.

While we strongly believe on-campus instruction at Sabine ISD is the best option for all students, we understand that it might not be the preferred choice for all families. If you do not believe it is in your student's best interest to return to our campus, you may select one of the following alternative options:

- Request transfer status from any other Texas public school district or TEA accredited Charter School
- Withdraw your child to engage in Homeschool education
- Enroll your child in an online school
  - K-12 online ([www.k12.com](http://www.k12.com)) - this is a free virtual public school in Texas
  - Texas Virtual School Network (<https://txvsn.org/OLS-Campuses>) lists all schools in the Texas Education Agency approved System
  - TTU K-12 (<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/k12/>) this is not a free option

Truancy charges will be pursued for students who do not return to on-campus learning or select one of the options above by November 3, 2020.

We look forward to a closer return to normalcy and want to reiterate that we strongly wish to have your student back in our classrooms. We feel this move will benefit all students to achieve their maximum potential.

Campus administrators will be contacting all remote learners to discuss steps needed to return your student back to all Sabine ISD campuses on or before November 3, 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the campus administrators or myself.

Sincerely,

Stacey Bryce, Superintendent

