



Elgin ISD
Return to Learn Plan
2022-2023

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ELGIN ISD’S “RETURN TO LEARN” PLAN

August 2022-June 2023

INTRODUCTION

Elgin ISD is committed to providing rigorous, TEKS-based instruction to all students. The district recognizes that this may be a challenging year and is embracing the opportunity to expand and maximize learning for all students. Toward that end, the district will leverage technology to support instruction and all teaching and learning will be in person on our Elgin ISD campuses. Elgin ISD will offer 100% in-person, face-to-face instruction for the 2022-2023 school year.

ACADEMICS

Curriculum	<p>The Academics Team will deliver professional learning, instructional resources, and provide systems of support to all campuses to ensure students learn their current grade level content while simultaneously mastering the essential skills they may have missed in the last year and a half. Academic instruction will focus on power standards - those skills that are the critical building blocks of learning for success this school year and beyond. Since student health and wellbeing are foundational for being able to accelerate and succeed in learning, campuses will emphasize strong social and emotional learning experiences, as well as clear interventions for mental health and trauma exposure as needed. This whole child approach to curriculum will ensure all students are able to learn, grow, and become successful career and college ready graduates.</p>
Instruction	<p>Students will be engaging in learning experiences that are on-grade level as well as participating in instruction that reinforces essential skills from previous grades. Students will be working in small groups to learn specific skills they may not have finished due to disruptions in learning from COVID-19. In order for students to accelerate their learning and master essential skills from earlier grades, Elgin ISD is offering a wide range of tutoring opportunities before, during, and after school. Some schools may also offer Saturday options. Whenever possible, tutors will work side-by-side in classrooms with teachers to assist with small groups and one-to-one instruction. The tutoring activities will meet the requirements of HB 4545 for students who did not pass or did not take the STAAR/EOC assessment for the previous school year. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more information regarding accelerated instruction.</p>
Assessments	<p>Elgin ISD is one hundred percent committed to ensuring that students return to learning on grade level with the opportunity to complete any learning they may not have finished in the last year and a half. Students will be assessed to show which standards are still needed in order to be successful this school year and in the future. These beginning, middle, and end of year assessments will monitor student progress in the content and show exactly where students have excelled and where they need more support. Elgin ISD will also be administering district assessments</p>

	<p>that are aligned to grade-level state standards to ensure that students' learning is exceeding expected growth.</p>
<p>Social Emotional Learning & Counseling Services</p>	<p>Elgin ISD is committed to ensuring the social and emotional health and wellbeing of all students. Direct instruction and support are provided to students in the area of social emotional learning (SEL) and wellness. Implemented by classroom teachers, Elgin ISD uses the following SEL curriculums:</p> <p>Elementary & Intermediate: Second Step</p> <p>Middle School: Inner Explorer</p> <p>High School: School Connect</p> <p>Our comprehensive school counseling program includes four service delivery components implemented by our campus counselors:</p> <p>Guidance Curriculum: Teach cohort lessons delivered in nine-week units on Personal Health & Safety, Intrapersonal Effectiveness, Interpersonal Effectiveness, Post-Secondary Planning and Career Readiness.</p> <p>Responsive Services: Provide crisis intervention, community referrals, and preventative counseling (individual or group).</p> <p>Individual Planning: Guide students as they plan, monitor, and manage their individual educational, career, personal and social development via cohort meetings, classroom visits, email, google classroom, and individual planning sessions</p> <p>System Support: Coordinate programs to address student academic and social emotional wellbeing, including SEL, trauma-informed practices, and other state-mandated topics as needed</p> <p>Additional therapeutic and support services are available through our district social worker, Communities in Schools program, or TCHAT services. Please speak with your campus counselor for more information.</p>

OTHER SERVICES

SPECIAL EDUCATION	<p>Elgin ISD is committed to ensuring a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) for all students identified as needing special education service. In an effort to ensure provisions of FAPE students' service plans will align to all regulations and guidance outlined by the State. All students' service plans are individualized and based on each student's unique need as determined by the ARD committee.</p>
Dyslexia Service	<p>Elgin ISD ensures continuity of service for students who receive dyslexia services.</p>
504 Services	<p>Elgin ISD will continue to provide service for Section 504 as outlined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Service provisions for Section 504 will align to all regulations and guidance outlined by the State.</p>
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER SERVICES	<p>English Language learners will receive all required services. "Neither state nor federal law provide flexibility to LEAs (school districts) in times of emergency regarding their obligation to provide equitable access to the curriculum for English learners through bilingual education and English as a Second Language (ESL) services. The LEA must ensure that to the greatest extent possible, each English learner can be provided language program service commensurate with the student's English language proficiency level." (TEA COVID-19 FAQ: English Learner Guidance, May 26, 2020)</p> <p>Elgin ISD will provide the following services as detailed in the complete EISD Reopening Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual language instruction in PK-5th grades. • ESL instruction in PK-12th grades. • ESL Content Based instruction in PK-5th grades. • ESL Pull Out instruction in 6-12th grades. • Sheltered Instruction in core courses will be provided to English Learner (EL) students in grades 6-12. • English learner program services will meet the instructional components requirement of TAC, Chapter 89 and the TEC, Chapter 29 teacher certification requirements. • Parent information regarding English learner services provided will be communicated via remote or face-to-face Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) meetings and parent conferences as required by TAC, Chapter 89.12.20.

FACE-TO-FACE / IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

The key to returning to successful, sustained in-person instruction will be our commitment to health and safety guidelines (below).

Disease Mitigation Guidelines for Parents, Students, and Staff

Communication with Local Health Officials:

Elgin ISD is closely monitoring Coronavirus COVID-19 and to the best of our ability will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and state and local officials/health authorities to follow all precautionary measures as new details emerge. Knowing important information about the virus and how to be prepared not only can prevent illness but can also reduce stress and calm anxieties.

PUBLIC HEALTH STATEMENT

The health and safety of our staff and students remain our highest priority. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, this guidance document contains information of practices that help minimize the likelihood of viral spread. These protocols and guidelines will be modified based on public health and governmental directives, and advancing scientific knowledge on the transmissibility of COVID-19. We also believe that continuing to educate our students and staff about proper hygiene techniques and necessary safety measures to prevent the spread will not only keep all safe but will also keep their respective families safe.

While it is not possible to eliminate all the risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, these are the steps that Elgin ISD is taking to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff and families.

Contact for COVID-19 Related Concerns (Communication)

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District Level Contact	Al Rodriguez Email: arodriguez@elginisd.net Phone: 512-281-3434
AT HOME BEFORE SCHOOL SCREENING (Prevention)	<p>Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their students to school. Parents should not send their children to school if they are exhibiting COVID symptoms, especially if they are running a fever.</p> <p>Staff will be encouraged to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day. Staff should stay home if they are exhibiting COVID symptoms, especially if they are running a fever.</p>
COVID-19 SYMPTOMS	<p>According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fever or chills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cough ● Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing ● Fatigue ● Muscle or body aches ● Headache ● New loss of taste or smell ● Sore throat ● Congestion or runny nose ● Nausea or vomiting ● Diarrhea
<p style="text-align: center;">ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL (Mitigation)</p>	<p>ARRIVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students are expected to arrive to school on time. ● Students will arrive by walk-up, car drop-off, or school bus. ● Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus. <p>DISMISSAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sanitizer stations will be placed at each exit and students will be encouraged to sanitize hands prior to exit. ● Early pick-ups are not permitted, unless the student has a verified medical appointment.
<p style="text-align: center;">Protocols for Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing: (Mitigation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus. ● Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands. ● Elementary Schools: Thorough hand washing after recess, before eating and following restroom breaks ● MS/HS: Provide hand sanitizer upon entry to classroom and periodic reminders during the instructional day ● MS/HS: Thorough hand washing upon return from outdoors, before eating and following restroom breaks
<p style="text-align: center;">MASKS / FACE COVERINGS (Mitigation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are <u>recommended</u> to be worn by students who may be unvaccinated and/or immuno-compromised. ● Masks are <u>recommended</u> to be worn by District employees who may be unvaccinated and/or immuno-compromised.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are <u>recommended</u> to be worn by visitors and contractors who may be unvaccinated and/or immuno-compromised.
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<p>FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, AND CLASSROOMS (Mitigation)</p>	<p><u>Daily Campus/Building Cleaning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected routinely. • Multiple locations of hand sanitizer, tissues, and trash cans will be available in several locations throughout classrooms and common areas. • Ventilation has been adjusted to increase outside air circulation. • High touch surfaces (i.e. tabletops, chairs, door handles) will be disinfected regularly. • Handwashing before and after playground use will be encouraged.
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Elgin ISD COVID-19
STANDARD RESPONSE
PROTOCOL

1. Prevention

No confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff or students.

- Health prevention measures are in place.
- Daily intensive cleaning and frequent cleaning of common areas.
- Limited non-essential visitor access.
- Monitoring virus trends in the community via health departments.

2. Mitigation

One or more confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 at one facility.

- Self-health monitoring, prevention information and stay home if ill.

3. Modified Operations

Three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases in one specific area ie: Classroom

- Self-health monitoring, prevention information and stay home if ill.
- If 10% percent of the total classroom population (students and staff) is test-confirmed COVID positive, the classroom may be quarantined. Students in quarantined classrooms may be required to stay home for 5 days after the last exposure to a positive case.
- Due to the complexity of secondary scheduling, the district will closely monitor when multiple test-confirmed positive COVID cases occur within a grade level, cohort, and campus. Decisions regarding isolation and quarantine will be made on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the health department and medical advisors.

4. Facility Closure

COVID-19 cases exceed 10% of facility occupancy

- Entire facility may be closed for up to 5 days.
- All students and staff at this campus may return if symptom free upon determination by the school district and health authorities.
- District-wide communication to staff/parents with health monitoring guidance.

5. District Closure

COVID-19 cases exceed 10% of occupancy in more than 3 facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All EISD facilities close for up to 5 days. • Disinfection of all facilities and school buses. • All Auxiliary areas such as playgrounds and athletic fields are closed. • Extracurricular activities may be cancelled.
<p>ISOLATION PROTOCOLS (Response)</p>	<p>Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home. • Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student’s parent/guardian. • Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members. • Any individuals who are test-confirmed must stay home throughout the infection period and cannot return to work or campus. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return when all three of the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; 2) the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and 3) at least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
<p>Close Contact Defined</p>	<p>This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. For clarity, close contact is defined by CDC guidance as:</p> <p>Someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (<i>for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes in one day</i>). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive</p>

	specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation .
WATER (Prevention)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be encouraged to bring clear water bottles to school for their personal use. • Water fountains will be accessible to staff and students. Water fountains will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.

TRANSPORTATION (Mitigation)	<p><u>Student Riding Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Masks/Face-coverings are encouraged</u> to be worn on school bus especially for those students who may be unvaccinated and/or immuno-compromised. • Bus enrollment form must be filled out prior to students riding the bus. • Student pre-screening for COVID-19 symptoms must be performed at home before heading to the bus stop. If someone feels sick, they should stay home.
EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETICS (Mitigation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All extracurricular and athletic events will follow participation guidelines set by the UIL (University Interscholastic League). • Hand sanitizing stations will be in gym facilities and equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.
FINE ARTS (Mitigation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerts/performances may be adjusted based on health and safety guidelines provided by an authorized entity (e.g., Elgin ISD, TEA, UIL, etc.) including but not limited to transportation procedures, number of attendees, and the orientation of concerts.

<p>PROMOTING BEHAVIORS THAT REDUCE SPREAD (Mitigation and Prevention)</p>	<p>The District asks that employees and parents assist in implementing and encouraging these CDC strategies and behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p><u>Staying Home</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employees and students who are sick or who have recently had <u>close contact</u> with a person with COVID-19 will be encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. ● Staff and students should stay home if they have <u>tested positive</u> for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms. <p><u>Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence. ● If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer). ● Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. <p><u>Adequate Supplies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campuses and departments are expected to support healthy hygiene behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, cloth face coverings, and no-touch cans. <p><u>COVID-19 Vaccinations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EISD promotes vaccination clinics for staff, students and the community with outside agencies. <p><u>COVID Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EISD promotes COVID-19 testing information for students, parents and staff on the District website.
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