



## Galena Park Independent School District

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**John C. Moore Jr., Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

April 9, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

While Galena Park I.S.D. is still waiting for official guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the district would like to provide you with information regarding a remote learning option that *may* be available for students in the 2021-2022 school year.

**If your student is currently receiving homebound services, or you believe your child would qualify for homebound services due to a disability, you do not need to apply for Remote Learning. Instead, please contact the Special Education Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Rey Smith, at 832-386-1182 for more information.**

To be eligible to apply for remote learning, students must currently:

- Meet all promotional requirements for their grade level and/or earn credit for all graduation-required high school courses. Students in grades 9-11 can fail no more than two courses.
- Have an attendance rate of 96.5% or higher for the 2020-2021 school year.

The G.P.I.S.D. Remote Learning Program will be offered through the district's Joyce Zotz Education Center, which currently houses other alternative programs. Students will take ALL classes remotely, and they will participate in rigorous, interactive online courses which emphasize extensive communication with the Texas-certified teacher and fellow students.

Students who apply and are accepted into Remote Learning for 2021-2022 will be expected to adhere to the following:

- Attend all real-time/two-way (teacher and student) virtual instruction according to the school schedule (Remote Synchronous Instruction)
- Attend and participate in all instructional sessions, for the duration of the class, as scheduled by the student's teacher(s)
- Have a 96.5% or higher attendance rate (excessive and/or unexcused absences may disqualify the student from remote learning)
- Adhere to the G.P.I.S.D. Remote Learning Handbook:
  - Students must be visible during instructional time as if participating in face-to-face instruction
  - During all live instruction, students must comply with dress and discipline in accordance with the G.P.I.S.D. Student Handbook and Code of Conduct

- Log in daily to each Learning Management System (Google Classroom/Seesaw) to check for and complete assignments with integrity and academic honesty
- Maintain passing grades in all classes to remain in the remote learning program
- Participate in-person/on campus for all applicable State and District Assessments (including, but not limited to, STAAR/EOC, TELPAS, District Assessments, TSIA, final/semester exams)
- Participate in-person/on campus, when asked, for required tutorials or intervention session(s) as scheduled by the teacher or campus

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO UNDERSTAND AS YOU CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REMOTE LEARNING

- Students may only change from Remote to Face-to-Face at the end of the nine weeks for elementary and middle school and the end of the semester for high school. Students will likely change teachers when changing their instructional arrangement.
- Approval for remote learning may be denied or revoked at any time due to non-compliance with the remote learning requirements and/or expectations.
- High school courses will not be weighted for GPA.
- Students participating in certain Fine Arts, Dual Credit and/or CTE courses which require hands-on learning may not be eligible for remote learning.
- Students in the Remote Learning Program may not be eligible to participate in their zoned school's activities such as; athletics, band, cheerleading, etc. They will be a part of the Remote Learning School and can participate in programs for the remote students such as; student council, etc.
- Students selected for the CTE Early College High School are not eligible to participate as remote learners.
- Students served by the Special Education Department will need to have their ARD Committee determine if remote learning is an appropriate educational setting.
- Students will not be able to create their own hybrid schedule by being face-to-face some days and remote other days. Remote learners will only be allowed on campus on required days.

More information will be forthcoming as the district receives guidance from the TEA.

If you have questions about the Remote Learning Program, you may contact Holli Malloy, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Professional Development, at [remotelearning@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:remotelearning@galenaparkisd.com).

Parents/Guardians interested in their child attending the 2021-2022 G.P.I.S.D. Remote Learning Program should complete the application, using the link below, by **April 23, 2021**.

<https://forms.gle/oVzt4Akrd9iYWQFS7>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. Moore".

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Superintendent of Schools