



Dear Bobcat Families,

The Texas Education Agency published guidelines for the opening of school districts across the State of Texas. While there are still many unanswered questions, the following Back-to-School plan remains fluid, and we will continuously re-evaluate and adapt as we receive updated health information and direction from the state. We ask that our families partner with us as we commit to providing:

- safe and supportive schools for our students and staff;
- rigorous learning for all students, both in-person and/or virtually;
- a high level of service to our families and community.

Safe and Supportive Schools for our Students and Staff

We are committed to providing a learning environment in which all students and staff feel safe and can participate in the prevention and mitigation of the spread of any illness that could impact learning. Student and staff safety has always been a priority for Celina ISD; however, this school year requires that we provide additional support for our professional educators who must serve students learning both in-person and virtually.

Celina ISD will adhere to required guidelines and consider recommendations provided by state authorities, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the University of Interscholastic League (UIL), as well as state and local health agencies. Current considerations include, but are not limited to:

- Health and hygiene practices, such as daily sanitization of campuses, buses, and commonly touched surfaces; social distancing measures; daily health screenings of students and staff; and hand sanitizing and handwashing procedures;
- Infection control practices, such as water bottle filling stations, personal protective equipment (mask and face shields) for students and staff, maximizing classroom space for social distancing, and limiting campus visitors;
- Adjustments to arrival/dismissal, transitions between classes, student nutrition, and transportation services.

Rigorous Learning for All Students

We are committed to preventing a public health crisis from becoming an education crisis for our children, and we recognize that achievement gaps are a direct result of opportunity and expectation gaps. Families who choose either in-person or virtual learning should expect and receive rigorous, authentic learning for their child.

Celina ISD will offer both in-person and virtual instructional plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to staffing and scheduling complexities, families will be asked to commit to either an in-person or virtual instructional plan for their child(ren), and students will be expected to continue their chosen plan for at least the first 9-week grading period. Classroom and virtual instruction are designed for mastery of student learning outcomes (TEKS) for each content area and grade level. Expectations for coursework and grading guidelines will be the same for students participating on either plan.

A High Level of Service to Our Families and Community

We are committed to providing clear, timely information that facilitates the standard of communication and service our community deserves. This commitment requires patience with one another as well as the continued practice of seeking parent/community input to assist us in our decision-making.

We will provide weekly updates to our families as we continue working together for a successful start to the 2020-2021 school year. Our next communication on July 22nd will provide more detailed information about both in-person and virtual learning, while also providing answers to frequently asked questions. The following chart briefly describes expectations for each instructional plan, both of which are available for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students.

In-Person Instructional Plan	Virtual Instructional Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be required to participate for a full school day, per the district calendar• Students will be assigned to classes with limited transitions between classrooms• Masks or face shields will be encouraged for all students but required for all staff members and all 4th-12th grade students• All students will be required to wear a mask/face shield on a district bus• Students and staff will be encouraged to practice social distancing when/where possible• Campus hygiene/infection-control procedures will be utilized• Meals will be grab-and-go and/or in disposable packaging, and cafeteria seating will be restricted/limited to ensure proper social distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be required to participate for a full school day, per the district calendar• 100% online learning with both live (synchronous) and self-paced (asynchronous) learning each day• Daily attendance log-ins and demonstrated learning is required• Students attending school virtually must make daily progress each day that school is in session in order to be counted “present,” and state attendance requirements will be in effect• A reliable internet connection is required; district computer devices will be provided, if needed• Access to specialized courses and activities on-campus as applicable

We are asking parents to respond to this very short survey--one for each child attending Celina ISD schools--so that we may better plan district operations for the 2020-2021 school year. Also included in the following survey is an opportunity for you to ask whatever pressing question(s) you may have about this next school year. We will include answers to these questions and more in next week's communication.

Parent survey link: <https://forms.gle/KmtA4rvyYPgLqEpdA>

Sincerely,

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