

# Safe Return to School In-person Instruction 2021-22

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SCHOOL DISTRICT



# Return to Face-to-Face

- The Texas Legislature did not approve funding of remote instruction for the 2021-22 school year.
- The Texas Education Agency has not approved, nor provided, any waivers for remote instruction.
- EPISD will provide in-person instruction for all students this school year.



# Return to Face-to-Face

- All students will return to campuses for in person learning, five days a week.
- Extracurricular activities have resumed, to include athletics, fine arts, UIL, clubs and other activities, in preparation for the new school year.
- Regular P.E./recess resume; cafeterias reopened



# Accelerated Learning

- House Bill 4545

HB 4545 established new requirements for accelerated instruction for students who do not pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®).



# HB 4545 (cont.)

- Eliminated grade retention and retesting requirements in grades 5 and 8.
- New LEA requirement for any student who did not pass the STAAR test in grades 3, 5, or 8 in math or reading.
- Students who did not pass the STAAR test in grades 3–8 or STAAR (EOC) end-of-course assessments must:
  - Be assigned a classroom teacher who is a certified master, exemplary, or recognized teacher or
  - Receive supplemental instruction (tutoring) before or after school, or embedded in the school day



# Accelerated Learning

Students who did not take or did not pass the STAAR test in 2020-21 are required to:

- Be provided with no less than 30 tutoring hours total during the summer or subsequent school year. If provided during the subsequent school year, it should include instruction no less than once per week.
- Utilize effective instructional materials designed for supplemental instruction.
- Receive instruction in a 1-on-1 or small group environment, with no more than three students in a small group.
- Receive instruction by an individual with training in aligned instructional materials and under the LEA's oversight. Ideally, the same individual provides tutoring continuously for the student's entire supplemental instruction period.



# Social and Emotional Wellbeing

- EPISD will be requiring counselors to conduct daily classroom student wellness check-ins. Counselors will be provided a standard electronic template; their responses will be submitted to campus principals weekly. The goal is to assess student concerns/needs and identify next steps to address them.
- EPISD will continue to focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set, and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions (CASEL.org).



# Health protocols

- Self-checks/monitoring strongly recommended
- Masks no longer required.
- Physical distancing is not required.
- Disinfections practices will continue.
- Water fountains and heavy-use equipment will be disinfected regularly.



# Health Protocols

- Contact tracing will continue for COVID-19 exposures.
- 10-day quarantine no longer required for those who have high-risk exposure and have been fully vaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfection supplies will be provided at all campuses.
- Temperature checks are no longer required.



# Thank you!

A more detailed Safe Return to Schools Plan will  
be posted at [episd.org](http://episd.org).

