

Center ISD is offering an asynchronous method of virtual instruction in the 20-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have chosen the virtual instruction method for your child, they will be learning from instruction that is not necessarily being delivered in-person or in real-time every day. This type of instruction may include various forms of digital and online learning sessions, such as prerecorded video lessons or game-based learning tasks that students complete on their own, pre-assigned work, and formative assessments made available to your students through Google Classroom. There may also be times, in order for instruction to address the required curriculum, per TEC, §28.002, that your child will need to participate in a two-way, real-time/live, virtual instruction between themselves and their teacher(s).

There are many housekeeping items that virtual students and parents need to be aware of in regard to meeting district, state, and federal requirements in public schools.

INTERNET ACCESS

Students participating in the virtual instruction method are required to have and maintain their own internet access that has the capacity, speed, and availability to handle the following:

- Video conferencing, streaming, uploading and downloading
- Usage capacity that will allow for 4 to 8 hours of use each day school is in session
- Secure connection

DEVICE

Students participating in the virtual instruction method is required to have and maintain their own device that meets the following requirements:

- Is a laptop, Chromebook, or tablet
 - A cell phone is not an acceptable device
- Has internet accessibility
- Has the ability to connect to and run Google Suite

ATTENDANCE

Students participating in the virtual instruction method are still required to log into Google Classroom on the first day of school. Students should check their email for classroom invitations to join or join via the Classes page within Google Classroom.

To be counted present each school day students must

- Log into Google Classroom daily
- Be actively engaged within Google Classroom at the least 4 hours per day or longer as needed to complete each day's instruction, lessons, activities, and assessments.
- Complete daily assignments/assessments that show growth toward mastery of the content covered
- Correspondence
 - Between the student with their classroom teacher(s) daily
 - Between the guardian/learning coach as defined by the child's teacher(s)
- Abide by TEC §25.085 Compulsory School Attendance
- Abide by TEC §25.092 Minimum Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade

CENTER ISD STUDENT IDs

- Students participating in the virtual instruction method are still required to obtain a campus ID. Please contact your student's campus office to set up an appointment to pick up an ID.
- A student ID will be needed to pick-up and/or purchase a meal, be on district or campus property, attend scheduled meetings, testing sessions, or required on-campus activities such as science or CTE labs.

ON-CAMPUS REQUIREMENTS

Students participating in the virtual instruction method for the 20-21 school year may be required to report to campus for some or all of the following:

- Formal summative assessments
- State/federal assessments
- Science lab activities using school equipment to achieve mastery of the TEKS
- Career and technical courses that require active participation to demonstrate mastery of the TEKS

HEALTH SCREENING

- Students participating in the virtual instruction method are still required by the State of Texas to be screened for:
 - Hearing
 - Vision
 - Spinal
- ❖ An appointment will need to be made with your child's campus nurse to complete these screenings

All students must have the required Immunizations per the Health Department for their age and/or grade level regardless of their in-person or virtual status

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP)

Students participating in the virtual instruction method for the 20-21 school year may still participate in the school lunch program.

- Meals for all students K-12 can be picked-up or purchased at CHS
- The window to pick up or purchase meals will be 11:00 to 11:30 am on Mondays
 - Includes breakfast and lunch for each day school is in session that week
- Parent/guardian must have a current valid ID as well as the student's district ID badge to pick-up or purchase meals
- Purchased meals need to be paid through My School Bucks at www.myschoolbucks.com. An app can be downloaded via Apple or Android stores.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Students participating in virtual instruction will be offered a two week grace period at the beginning of the initial virtual instruction period in which they may petition for a return to the in-person instructional method.