

July 22, 2020

Dear Edgewood ISD Staff and Community,

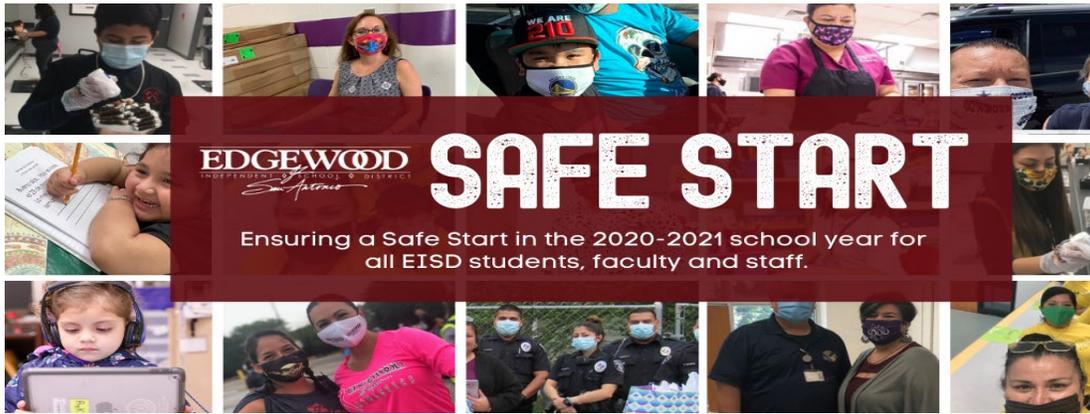
The COVID-19 pandemic affects each one of us in many ways, to include the need for social distancing and wearing face coverings. During these unprecedented times, I am very aware that our families have been waiting for news on what the new school year will look like so I want to be able to share what we know.

As we prepare for the start of the new 2020-2021 academic school year, I want to reassure our families that Edgewood ISD has been working very hard preparing high quality instructional model options to encourage student engagement while taking steps to protect the health and wellness of all students and staff.

During the months of June and July, Edgewood ISD held virtual parent and staff town halls to discuss the Safe Start Plan for the 2020-2021 year. We also received feedback from multiple surveys, which favored the option to begin the school year with Remote learning. On that premise, the first day of school of the 2020-2021 school year for EISD will be August 17, 2020. Remote learning will take place for the first four weeks of school, August 17 to September 11, 2020. We will re-evaluate our options and consider extending an additional four weeks of remote learning based on the recommendations from our local and state health agencies. In addition, based on the feedback we received, EISD has created robust learning models, which will be presented to our students by our high quality teachers. The options for instructional models for the upcoming school year will look very different from the traditional model offered in the spring. To make learning successful:

- Edgewood ISD is working to ensure each of our students has a device to continue to receive high quality instruction.
- For those who choose Remote learning, in addition to providing a computer, we will provide various engagement and learning opportunities.
- Remote learning may be in real time, also known as synchronous, or lessons for students to work on their own time, also known as asynchronous.
- As always, daily engagement and attendance will be monitored for all learners.

Three School Models developed for the upcoming school year include a Remote model, an On Campus model and a Hybrid model, which is 2 Days on-campus and 3 days Remote learning at home. Parents will be asked to select a School Model for their child(ren) by completing a Parent Commitment Form due Friday, July 31, 2020. The Parent Commitment Form will be available on July 23, 2020 on our district webpage, social media platforms and other resources.



Many of the other essential services will be offered by EISD, such as meal services, social and emotional support, iPad and laptop support and much more.

The current health environment regarding COVID- 19 is frequently evolving, and we appreciate your patience as we analyze the recommendations and requirements we are receiving from state and local governments, as well as health agencies such as Metro Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Updates regarding our back to school Safe Start Plan will be posted on our website www.eisd.net as well as our social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Thank you Edgewood ISD families for your patience and flexibility as we work through this pandemic together. It is an honor to be your superintendent and to serve our Edgewood ISD community.

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