

LEAD Safely 2020-2021

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Selecting a Learning Option

Home Access Center

- How do I get help logging in?
 - You will need a username and password provided by your child's school. If you do not know your username or password OR have a username and password that is not working, please contact the Customer Care Center at 281-897-4357.
- My child is enrolled in Pre-K or Kindergarten, how do I get his/her login/password?
 - Parents with newly enrolled students will receive an email with their Home Access Center login/password within the next week.
- I don't see a Return to School Questionnaire after I log in to Home Access Center.
 - Make sure you are logging in with the PARENT login, not the STUDENT login. Click the "Home" button. Select the "School Links" tab. Click the "Return to School Questionnaire". If you still do not see it, please contact the Customer Care Center at 281-897-4357.

Learning Options

On-Campus vs. CFISD Connect

- How many students will be in a classroom in On-Campus vs. CFISD Connect?
 - The district must adhere to the same teacher/student ratios as we have had in prior years as established by the Texas Education Agency. Waivers must be submitted to TEA for any exceptions to this, regardless if it is On-Campus or virtual.
- Will elementary students have recess?
 - On-Campus: Yes; CFISD Connect: Student schedules include independent learning time and activity time.
- Are teachers the same for On-Campus and CFISD Connect?
 - Once a campus knows how many students have chosen On-Campus vs. CFISD Connect, the campus will determine teacher assignments.
- Can students take Band or Choir if they choose CFISD Connect?
 - Yes, CFISD Connect students will be able to complete these elective course requirements virtually. See <https://www.cfisd.net/en/lead-safely-2020-21/course-list> for complete list of courses.
- Can students take Athletics and be on a team if they choose CFISD Connect?
 - Virtual learners will be allowed to participate in athletic activities if they have registered for an athletic class period. In-person attendance during scheduled

athletic periods on campus may be required. More specific information regarding face-to-face time commitments during the school day will be available after evaluation of Return to School Questionnaire results. Athletes must arrange their own transportation to campus and ensure that they are on time and present for all scheduled practices, contests and activities.

- Can students choose CFISD Connect and still attend in-person tutorials and clubs/meetings on campus?
 - Yes.
- How do I change one of my child's classes?
 - Please contact your child's counselor at school with any questions or concerns regarding courses or to request a schedule change.
- Will I have to print out materials for my child in CFISD Connect?
 - Teachers will provide digital assignments. Students may choose to print additional assignments; however, printing materials at home will not be a requirement for CFISD Connect students.

Commitment

- If I choose On-Campus and want to move my child to CFISD Connect, may I do that at any time?
 - Yes. After Aug. 25, students may transfer from On-Campus to CFISD Connect at any time, but they must remain in CFISD Connect until the end of the grading period, unless the transfer is a temporary transition due to illness, required quarantine or closure.
- If I choose CFISD Connect and want to move my child to On-Campus, may I do that at any time?
 - No. Changes in selection may be made until Aug. 25. After Aug. 25, students must remain in CFISD Connect until the end of the grading period before switching to On-Campus.
- Can my child stay in CFISD Connect for the entire school year?
 - Yes. CFISD Connect will be offered during the entire 2020-2021 school year.
- How long are grading periods?
 - Please see the 2020-2021 instructional calendar at <https://www.cfisd.net/en/calendar> .

Schedules

- Have you considered staggering the schedule like MWF/TTh?
 - CFISD has determined that student learning needs are best met through daily teaching. On-Campus and CFISD Connect are both daily learning options.
- Are teachers the same for On-Campus or CFISD Connect?
 - Once a campus knows how many students have chosen On-Campus vs. CFISD Connect, the campus will make a decision regarding teacher assignments.
- What does a day look like for CFISD Connect students?
 - Please see the complete plan at www.cfisd.net/leadsafely for sample plans for different grade levels.
- What time does my child's school start and end each day?

- Please see the school website for hours. <https://www.cfisd.net/en/schools-facilities/our-schools/elementary-schools>
<https://www.cfisd.net/en/schools-facilities/our-schools/middle-schools>
<https://www.cfisd.net/en/schools-facilities/our-schools/high-schools>
- Will we have Meet the Teacher?
 - Schools will communicate information regarding these types of events with their parents.

Attendance

- If my house loses power during CFISD Connect, will my child be counted absent?
 - Daily attendance is taken during scheduled time(s) and connected to daily student engagement as a part of the CFISD Connect plan. A student will be counted absent if the student does not have documented engagement in Schoology, documented progress via contact with the teacher, or documented completion of daily assignments. Students will be provided instructional materials and assignments that can be completed in the event of an emergency and a student is not able to connect at the designated time.

Special Services

- How will hearing-impaired children be supported for in-class learning if facemasks are required?
 - Teachers will wear a face shield instead of a mask when instructing hearing-impaired students.
- How will you meet IEP and 504 accommodations from an online platform? If a child has speech therapy and occupational therapy services will you coordinate with parents?
 - Accommodations and/or modifications will be provided on an individualized basis with the special education and general education teachers working together to provide the required support through the Schoology platform. The individual therapists will contact parents to schedule teletherapy sessions that accommodate the student's schedule.
- How will children receive special services a remote learning option?
 - Specialized services (as determined by an ARD) will be provided in the Schoology platform and coordinated by the case manager to ensure delivery of services.

Testing

- How will College Board Testing (PSAT, ACT, SAT) be handled if my child is taking online classes for the semester or year?
 - While many colleges and universities are waiving test requirements for fall 2021, CFISD is seeking guidance on school-wide administration of these assessments for students who have selected either On-Campus or CFISD Connect learning option.
- Will STAAR testing be conducted in the virtual model?

- CFISD is awaiting guidance on how the Texas Education Agency will administer the STAAR/EOC assessment to those who have selected the remote learning option.

School Supplies

- I ordered school supplies last spring, and my child is going to do CFISD Connect. How can I pick up the school supplies.
 - Contact your campus principal to make arrangements to pick up the school supplies that were ordered.
- What school supplies are needed for CFISD Connect?
 - Most classes will require paper, pencils, pens, and notebooks for assignments. Students who are taking courses that require special supplies will receive additional information from their teacher.

Health & Safety

Face Masks

- Will my child be able to wear a face shield instead of a face mask?
 - Yes. As stated in the “Use of Face Mask” Protocol, face masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be preferred over cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
- If students are able to maintain social distancing in a classroom, can a teacher require students to wear a mask? What are the repercussions if students refuse to wear a mask in class?
 - A teacher may require students, when developmentally appropriate, to wear a mask based on criteria such as the method for delivery of instruction, the capacity of the classroom, etc. A student’s refusal to wear a mask will be addressed according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Regarding the use of face masks, the protocol refers to “developmentally appropriate”. What does that mean?
 - Aligned with the Governor’s Order, developmentally appropriate would apply to students ten (10) years or older.
- Will students have to wear a mask in the classroom?
 - Students younger than ten (10) years will not be required to wear face masks in the classroom. Students ten (10) years or older will be required to wear a face mask in the classroom when social distancing is not feasible and/or the teacher’s method for delivery of instruction warrants the use of face masks.
- Will students be reprimanded for refusing to wear their mask, purposely coughing on other students, touching or not social distancing?
 - Students refusing to wear a mask or purposely coughs or touches students, the behavior will be addressed according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- If students refuse to wear a mask in a common area will this be addressed?

- Students refusing to wear a mask will be addressed according to the Student Code of Conduct.
- My child has a medical condition and cannot wear a face mask at school. What do I need to do?
 - Any student with a medical condition or disability that prevents him/her from wearing a face mask will be exempt from this requirement. Written documentation from a medical provider will be required.
- Will students be forced to wear a mask while in PE/athletics and while physically exerting themselves?
 - Students will be required to wear a face mask when entering and/or exiting the gym, playground, or activity space and when not actively engaged in physical activity.
- Where will students store the masks during recess?
 - Students will be required to wear a face mask when entering and/or exiting the playground or activity space and when not actively engaged in physical activity. Campus administrators are currently researching options, such as breakaway lanyards, for students to prevent losing masks when not in use.
- The plan says that face shields are a good alternative to face masks for air circulation. Yet, the CDC and other government agencies say they are not acceptable face coverings as they are open at the bottom and the germs and droplets can still come out.
 - The district's established face masks protocols and procedures are aligned with the Texas Education Agency public health guidance for school districts. We will continue to monitor public health guidance and modify this and other protocols as needed.

School Closure

- If a child or teacher is COVID-19 positive, will the school close for a period of time?
 - Decisions on the closure of a classroom, campus or district will be made on an individual basis. A number of factors, such as the number of individuals affected and the ability to maintain the continuity of instruction for students, will be considered.

Hand Sanitizer

- Are students allowed to have their own pocket-sized hand sanitizer with them while on campus?
 - Yes.

COVID-19

- What is considered to be an exposure?
 - Per the CDC: For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

Desk Shields

- Can students bring their own desk shield to school?
 - Yes, however, they must remain in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct. There should not be any messaging on the desk shield. Desk shields must be clear, portable, and easily cleaned.

Other Resources

Devices

- Does the device need a camera to participate in CFISD Connect?
 - Chromebooks issued to students will have a camera, and it is the expectation that students utilize the camera during live, two-way instruction.
- How will I request a Chromebook for my child?
 - The district has begun distributing 40,000 Chromebooks to students and has purchased 75,000 more. The responses in the Report to School Questionnaire will be used to determine needs across the district.
- When will I receive the Chromebook?
 - Distribution will be determined based on student need. Date will be communicated by campuses.
- Can the district network support the quantity of teachers that will be providing live, two-way instruction via live streaming?
 - Yes. The district network is designed to support all students and teachers providing and receiving live, two-way instruction via live streaming.
- I have two students that are going to be in CFISD Connect. Can they log in at different times of the day and share a device?
 - Students are expected to log in at specific times. Each CFISD Connect student will need their own device.

Employees

- Will teachers be allowed to wear scrubs?
 - There are no modifications to the Dress and Grooming Guidelines in the CFISD Employee Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. Principals or supervisors may set additional guidelines to meet the needs of the specific campus or building and/or according to the employee's work assignment.
- Are CFISD teachers unionized? And if so, can we expect that they may attempt to strike or will they be considered essential workers?
 - CFISD teachers are not unionized but may be members of state and local teacher organizations. Texas is a Right-to-Work state, which prohibits public school employees from collective bargaining and striking.
- Why were district employees not solicited for input?
 - The Reopening CFISD Committee consisted of district and campus-level administrators, parents, students, classroom teachers, and paraprofessionals. Additionally, the draft LEAD Safely plan was shared with representatives from all

three employee organizations – ATPE, CFAFT, TSTA – for input and feedback.
In addition, principals will be sending out a questionnaire to their staff.