



# Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District

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## DCG Families,

After much consideration the DCG School Board voted 4-3 in favor for students to return to learning the first semester in a hybrid model for grades PK-12. The purpose of the Hybrid plan is to provide an approach to instruction that allows fifty percent of students to attend on-site in-person learning, in order to possibly allow for increased physical distancing.

If families do not want their children to return to school in person there are two online learning options to choose from. The first online option is a yearly commitment per student. Instruction will be given by an online company, Edmentum. Additional information regarding Edmentum can be found [here](#).

The second online option is a semester commitment per student and will be taught by a DCG teacher. Families who want only to commit to Remote Online Learning for a semester at a time would follow the DCG curriculum. A certified DCG teacher would provide the instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. Additional information regarding DCG Online Learning can be found [here](#). For questions regarding either online learning option please contact Associate Superintendent, Jill Van Woerkom at [jill.vanwoerkom@dcschools.com](mailto:jill.vanwoerkom@dcschools.com)

Optional kindergarten through twelfth grade students who choose the Hybrid Learning option will begin in two groups in session on August 27th. The district has the ability to group students in the same household on the same hybrid schedule. Students in Group A will start school on-site Thursday, August, 27. Students in Group B will start school on-site Friday, August 28th. Moving forward student groups will be in the following schedule; Group A will attend in building Monday and Tuesday, Group B will attend in building Thursday and Friday. Groups will alternate between A and B every other Wednesday. The graphic below visualizes this schedule.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group A	Group A	Group A / Early Dismissal	Group B	Group B
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group A	Group A	Group B / Early Dismissal	Group B	Group B

Every Wednesday will be an early out allowing for teacher planning. Students will still be engaged in learning on Wednesday afternoons. This will not extend our school year. A new 2020-2021 school year calendar will be updated and placed on the DCG website and in the app representing the early out days.

Pre School students will begin with the Hybrid learning model September 3rd. Students in Group A will start school on-site Thursday, September 3rd. Students in Group B will start school on-site Friday, September 4th and will be engaged in learning on Thursday, September 3rd.

We are asking you to fill out [this additional commitment form](#) by **Sunday, August 9th** for each of your children. Completing this form by Sunday, August 9th allows us to begin grouping students for the hybrid plan. This helps us ensure we have proper staffing to meet the needs of each student's selections.

Facial coverings will be required for both students and staff returning to learn in buildings. A facial covering includes a fask mask, a face shield or a neck gaiter.

Building open houses and orientations will take place virtually this year. There will be a building level video sent out in the coming weeks as well as a welcome video from each teacher. Parents and non-essential visitors will not be allowed in buildings for lunch or visits for the first semester. Zoom meetings are recommended for Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and other essential meetings. Birthday treats are only allowed through our food service provider, Taher and must be ordered 48 hours in advance.

Our priority for today's communication was sharing the board decision with the community and answering/addressing some of the big buckets of questions. We know each family has unique circumstances that may affect how they approach the school year. Please stay tuned to district or building communications for more information on:

- A/B group lists
- Nutrition and how students will have access to food with both learning models
- 1:1 device pickup for students
- DCG Online Learning

Please look for additional communication in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Scott Grimes, Superintendent