



ENROLLMENT & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All students regardless of phase in or mode of learning will begin on August 12.

Enrollment

Parents will need to use txConnect to provide updated registration information on our [registration page](#). Refer to the guidance in the Registration & Enrollment section of the district website for assistance.

Students may choose to participate in either in-person learning, hybrid of both in-person and remote, or remote only. The first grading cycle was determined by a district wide survey which was open from July 29 – Aug 2. Parents who did not respond on the on-line survey must contact campus to select mode of learning. The default will be in-person mode for elementary & middle schools and hybrid mode for high schools to allow campuses to prepare for students who may show up in person but did not complete the survey. At that time, the student/family may work with the campus principal on their selection.

Change in mode of learning must be submitted to the campus one week before the end of the grading cycle. A Change Learning Mode form will be available on each campus' website. The form may be emailed or delivered to the campus. Chart below details due dates in which the form must be submitted.

6-Week Grading Cycle Middle Schools, OHS, PHS, New Tech Odessa		9-Week Grading Cycle Elementary, OCTECHS, OCA	
Cycle End Date	Deadline to change learning mode	Cycle End Date	Deadline to change learning mode
September 18	September 11	October 16	October 9
October 30	October 23	December 17	December 10
December 17	December 10	March 19	March 5
February 19	February 12		
April 16	April 9		

Students who participated in homeschool or private school for the 2019-2020 school year will not be eligible for remote only selection without first agreeing to participate in in-person learning during the school year.

For more information, visit [ECISD Back to School 2020 webpage](#).

Attendance

Attendance will be determined **daily** for both in-person or remote instruction.

ON CAMPUS Student will be considered PRESENT if they are in class at time of attendance.

REMOTE Students will be marked PRESENT if they meet one of the following engagement criteria **on that day for all courses enrolled.**

- Login during a scheduled virtual meeting or view a recording of instruction
- Login into and complete assignment from learning platform designated by teacher
- Interact with teacher or receive/submit assignment using Seesaw (PK-2) or Google Classroom (3-12)
- Instruction may take place at home or in a learning lab
- Contact with teacher using phone or email

Student must be present 90% of the days the course is offered in order to receive credit or for promotion to the next grade level.

School age children are required by law to attend school. Non-attendance could result in truancy charges.

Absences due to illness, death or severe illness in the family, religious holidays, quarantine, conditions making travel dangerous, among other extenuating circumstances may be considered excused. Contact must be made with the campus attendance clerk within 5 days of the absence. (FDD Regulation)

Due to the remote learning environment guidance for this school year, students may still meet one of the criteria detailed above to be able to counted present even if home due to illness or other situations that prevent being at school in person.

Final Exam Exemptions (Grades 9-12) – unchanged for the 2020-2021 school year

Exemptions are a privilege to be earned by students attending ECISD high schools. A student may earn exemption status for one or more spring final exams in accordance with this policy.

- Seniors are eligible to be exempt from all exams
- Juniors are allowed up to four exemptions
- Sophomores are allowed up to three exemptions
- Freshmen are allowed up to two exemptions.

The following guidelines apply to determine eligibility for a spring final exam exemption:

- Course average of 90 - 100 with no more than four absences (excused and unexcused)
- Course average of 85 - 89 with no more than three absences (excused and unexcused)
- Course average of 80 - 84 with no more than two absences (excused and unexcused)
- Each course is independent. Attendance and grade requirements must be met for the course or courses for which a student is requesting an exemption.
- Students must be in attendance on the day of the final exam or they forfeit their exemption.
- Students must meet the campus requirements related to submission deadlines and verification procedures for securing their exemptions.
- Students are encouraged to monitor their attendance throughout the school year. Absences will be counted from August 12, 2020 – May 27, 2021.

The following types of absences do not count against attendance for exemption purposes:

- Religious Holy Days
- School related / extracurricular activities
- College Visits (up to two days only)

Final Exam Exemption Policy for Advanced Courses:

A student must take the AP/IB exam in order to exempt a teacher's final exam. If the student does not sit for the AP/IB exam, then he/she must take the teacher's final exam for the class. If a student does take the AP/IB exam and wishes to exempt the corresponding final exam, then he/she must still meet all the same grade, attendance, and discipline requirements that are in effect for non-AP classes.

No final exam exemptions allowed for Online / Dual Credit Courses.

Students who meet the exemption criteria still have an opportunity to take their final exam to increase their overall average.