



Thompson Intermediate

Parent Frequently Asked Questions Online Learning

Thompson Distance Learning will begin Monday March 23, 2020. We have provided some FAQs to help everyone ease into online learning. We know that more questions will come up as we adjust to distance learning. A Google Form link will be on our website for you to submit additional questions. Every Monday we will have a “Thompson News” Update posted on our website and Facebook page. Please check both regularly!

*****Connect students will continue in the platform as normal*****

When will online classes occur?

- *Online classes are flexible!* Students may complete their course work at any time throughout the day.
- Students will be provided with real time feedback and support from 9:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday.

How will my student learn?

- Students using Traditional Education will begin using Edgenuity, a virtual learning platform.
- Our CONNECT students will continue using the Summit Learning Platform.
- In order to maintain consistency, student support and provide regular instructional services, Thompson teachers will be available from the hours of 9:00am - 1:00 pm.

How will students receive instruction?

- For Traditional Education students, their CORE instruction (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies) will use Edgenuity, accessed through the student portal. (<https://portal.pasadenaisd.org>) Pasadena ISD is loading all students to this platform where they will be able to complete online coursework. Teachers in these courses will be available during the times listed below.
- For CONNECT students, their CORE instruction (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies) students will continue to use the Summit Learning Platform. Power Focus Areas and Additionals will be adjusted accordingly. We will email a weekly agenda page for students to complete to set up their goals and agenda for the next week.
- For ALL students
 - We will use the Edgenuity virtual platform for ELECTIVE courses. Pasadena ISD is loading all students to this platform where they will be able to complete online coursework. Teachers in these courses will be available during the times listed below.

What supplies will my student need?

- WiFi
- Tablet/Computer/Device
- Charger

Technology Uses or Needs?

- Please complete the following Technology survey: <https://tinyurl.com/GATsurvey> . This will help us determine any possible student technology needs.
- There are two location options for students needing a replacement device or software issues. <https://tinyurl.com/PISDdevicesupport>

What are the expectations for students?

- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, students will be able to log in and complete their online learning activities on a regular basis. Students may work outside of official “office hours.”
- Complete course work at the pace recommended by the Pacing Guide per course.
- Contact your teacher as quickly as possible when you struggle and/or join the teacher’s daily office hour if you are stuck on an assignment.
- Monitor your weekly grade as calculated by your teacher and stay in communication with your teacher if you are concerned about a grade.

How will my student contact their teacher?

- Pasadena ISD Email
- Edgenuity Messenger
- Zoom Meeting

Who will help my student if they don’t understand?

- Teachers will be available via email, Edgenuity Chat, and/or Zoom chat to answer any questions that students may have during office hours. Teachers will also be holding targeted virtual workshops throughout the week to help students with concepts that they may be struggling with.

How will grading be handled?

- Edgenuity assignments will be taken for a grade.
- For CONNECT students, grades will continue just as they have been in the Summit Learning platform. Projects, Focus Areas and Additional will continue to factor into your student’s grade.

What about their Fine Arts and Elective courses?

- Fine Arts teachers will contact students regarding weekly expectations.
- Your student should continue strengthening their ability to play their instrument, choir students should continue practicing scales and warm-up routines as practiced in class.
- Other elective courses will have assignments in Edgenuity for students to complete.

Will the school be open?

- Yes and no. **The school will NOT be open to visitors** but we will have a small number of staff on hand to answer the phones from 9:00am to 1:00pm. These are the only people allowed inside the building at any time. We will not be able to allow you inside but we will address your concern as best as possible.
- The main phone line 713.740.0510 will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm for questions.
- Questions regarding curriculum should be directed to the teacher via district email.
- You can always email an administrator, counselor or campus content coach directly should you have any additional questions:
 - Principal - Mrs. Griffin- TGriffin@pasadenaisd.org
 - Asst. Principal - Mr. Teichelman - TTeichelman@pasadenaisd.org
 - Asst. Principal - Mrs. Veltman- CVeltman@pasadenaisd.org
 - Asst. Principal - Mr. Sanders- WSanders@pasadenaisd.org
 - Counselor - Mrs. Butler 7th Grade JButler@pasadenaisd.org
 - Counselor - Mr. Reyna 8th Grade PReyna@pasadenaisd.org
 - ELAR CCC- Ms. Garcia GinaGarcia@pasadenaisd.org
 - Math CCC- Ms. Gibson GGibson@pasadenaisd.org
 - Science & Social Studies CCC- Ms. Soto LSoto@pasadenaisd.org

How will I access WiFi if I do not have it?

- Comcast is offering a solution:
https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#undefined&all_Howdolgetthepromo
- You can also visit the Pasadena ISD page under the COVID-19 link>>Technology Home Internet Access and Device Support.
- Edgenuity and the Summit Platform can be accessed through a mobile website.

What happens if my student's technology is broken?

- Students may complete this technology survey: <https://tinyurl.com/GATsurvey> .This information will be used to ensure students have the technology needed to work from home.
- You can also seek support using this link for Pasadena ISD: [Device Tech Support Plan](#)

Will my student receive accommodations?

- Yes, students will continue to receive accommodations in accordance with their IEP or 504 paperwork.

Concerns??

- Our Counseling team is available for all our students! Links for counseling services and resources will be on our website soon.
- Link to Google Form to submit additional questions can be found on our website.
- The STAAR test for all students across Texas has been waived for the 2019-2020 school year.
- UIL Sports and Fine Art competitions have been cancelled for now. We will provide more information about events and seasons being rescheduled as we are notified.
- The district will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch at each Pasadena ISD High School.
- As of now, we plan to return to school Monday, April 13, 2020, so all events following that date are still scheduled. As more information becomes available, we will share it with you.

The location for our learning may have changed, but our Lion PRIDE remains the same!