



2022-2023

STATE OF MIND

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY PLAN

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Introduction and District Priorities

Pleasant Grove ISD looks forward to welcoming students back to school on August 10, 2022. The mission of Pleasant Grove ISD is to ensure high levels of learning for all students. Pleasant Grove ISD will offer on-campus learning for the 2022-2023 school year.

This plan follows recommendations for school opening and operations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Education Agency, and state and local health officials.

KEY PRIORITIES AND FOCUS AREAS



- ▶ Instructional Information for Families
- ▶ Learning Environment Attendance
- ▶ Guidance for Prevention
- ▶ Best Practices
- ▶ COVID-19 Mitigation

Pleasant Grove ISD recognizes that the COVID-19 conditions and protocols are continuously changing. Pleasant Grove ISD will remain flexible to accommodate potential changes, and the guidelines have the potential to change as we keep the safety of our staff and students a top priority. Updated information will always be available at www.pgisd.net.

Please note, health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. As a result, Pleasant Grove ISD will continue to consult available guidance through governmental agencies and other information deemed relevant to monitor the situation. The district will comply with applicable federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards and accessibility standards to address individual needs.

Instructional Information for Families

As we continue to monitor guidance from the Texas Education Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health officials, Pleasant Grove ISD leaders are moving forward in planning for the 2022-2023 school year. We sincerely appreciate your continued patience and flexibility as we collectively work together to ensure a first-class learning experience for all PGISD students while keeping all students and staff healthy and safe.

Learning Environment

Pleasant Grove ISD is returning to face-to-face instruction, five days a week while following public health guidance and safety measures from state, federal, and local health guidelines and recommendations. Each campus has a full-time counselor who is available to support student and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs. Counselors provide group and individual sessions for any student experiencing social, emotional, or mental health needs.

Remote/Virtual instruction is no longer available.

Attendance and Enrollment Notice

Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2022-2023 school year.

Academic Needs

To address the impact of lost instructional time, interventionists on each campus provide additional academic support and instruction to students identified through locally used assessments including Star Renaissance and NWEA Map. Each campus also provides additional instruction in Tier 2 and Tier 3 time which is scheduled during the instructional day. The district also offers after school tutoring on each campus.

Information for Staff

To address the social, emotional, and mental health and other needs of staff members, staff will have access to counseling provided by district counselors. To promote feelings of well-being, each campus will develop a Feed the Staff plan which will focus on monthly celebrations and recognitions. Staff members who believe they need additional support should contact the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

Guidance for Prevention

Vaccines

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities.

Vaccinations are available for individuals ages 6 months and above currently for COVID-19. Any individual wanting information on COVID-19 vaccines may search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233. COVID-19 vaccinations are **optional** for all staff and students.

More Resources on Vaccinations:

[Your COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

[How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine?](#)

Screening

All staff, students, and visitors should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever over 100.4 or chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Best Practices

Masks

- Per Governor Abbott's mask mandate on July 29, 2021 (GA-38), school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. School systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so. In compliance with the latest mandate, masks are **optional** for staff and students.
- The CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Campus & Daily Activities

- Campuses will continue to use enhanced cleaning practices including frequent disinfection of high-touch surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on all campuses. Students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize and wash hands frequently.
- Students will continue to have access to water bottle refill stations. Students should bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.
- Campus volunteers and screened visitors will be accepted into the campus offices. Lunch visitors and food will not be accepted during lunch hours.

COVID-19 Mitigation

Employees

- If an employee has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they must contact their direct supervisor and Assistant Superintendent.
- Employees will complete the COVID-19 form on their campus hub if they experience symptoms or receive a positive COVID-19 test result.
- If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, he/she may return to work when: 5 days have passed since the start of symptoms, they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, and their symptoms have improved.
- An employee experiencing symptoms may return to work once they have been cleared by the Assistant Superintendent or District Nurse. Re-entry into the workplace requires the following: a doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis, a negative COVID-19 test, or at least 5 days have passed since symptoms began. This applies to unvaccinated and fully vaccinated personnel.

Students

- If a student has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they must contact their campus nurse. The campus nurse will determine the date that the student may return to school.
- As required by TEA, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child is test-confirmed with COVID-19.
- The following re-entry criteria must be met before a COVID positive student can return to campus: 5 days have passed since the start of symptoms, they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, and their symptoms have improved.
- In order for a student to return to campus after experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must provide a doctor's release with an alternate diagnosis, a lab confirmed negative COVID-19 test, or stay at home until the 10 day infectious period has passed. School nurses must clear the student before they can return.

References

- <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>
- <https://dshs.texas.gov/covid19readmission/>
- To provide input or inquiries, please complete this survey: [ESSER Survey](#)