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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Approval of Class Size Waivers for the 2020-21 school year

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon **OF:** Deputy Superintendent for Administration

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: September 22, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

We are requesting approval of the following class size waivers:

Colonel Santos Benavides	1 st (2)
	3 rd (1)
	4 th (4)
Borchers:	K (1)
Gutierrez:	1st (1)
Kennedy	1 st (2)
Total :	11 waivers

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:



PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

United Independent School District will offer parents options of either on-campus instruction (Transition Plan) beginning September 21, 2020, or the option to continue remote/virtual learning at home.

United ISD will begin providing on-campus instruction in a phase-in manner beginning September 21, 2020 for those who select this option. Please note that the District will continue to offer remote/virtual learning for students whose parents want them to continue receiving instruction at home.

Based on previous survey information, the District expects approximately 20% of its 42,000 students to take part in on-campus instruction. The expected percentage of students returning allows for social distancing, enhanced monitoring of implementation of health protocols, and minimal person-to-person contact. Any school that has more than 50% of the students returning for on-campus instruction will be considered for implementation of a hybrid attendance schedule. In this case, students will attend school on campus two or three days a week and the remaining days of the week students will participate in remote/virtual learning from home. Parents will be notified by school of the option if the hybrid schedule is to be implemented.

The District's transition plan will allow for students to return in small numbers. This allows each campus the opportunity to improve on their safety/health protocols in order to enhance them.

United ISD will continue to monitor the local health trends/conditions on a regular basis to base decisions.

The District will make all attempts to notify families at least 5 days prior for when their child may return for on-campus instruction.

United ISD is asking parents to complete a NEW questionnaire with regards to the available options to finalize plans for students on campus. To begin the questionnaire click [here](#).



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LEARNING MODELS:

ON-CAMPUS (FACE-TO-FACE) LEARNING

HOW IT WORKS: Learning that happens in a traditional classroom setting five days a week with a teacher (not necessarily your child's classroom teacher) and students on campus. In some instances, your child may be receiving instruction through a remote platform while physically sitting in a class with an assigned grade level/content area teacher. All safety guidelines will be implemented. Any school that has more than 50% of the students returning for on-campus instruction will be considered for the implementation of a hybrid attendance schedule. In this case, students will attend school on campus two or three days a week and the remaining days of the week students will participate in remote/virtual learning from home. Parents will be notified by the school of the option if the hybrid schedule is to be implemented.

Parents selecting this option may return to the remote learning model through the end of a grading cycle (six or nine weeks). At that time, parents can opt for the remote learning model. Parents must notify their child's school if they want to change options for the start of the next grading cycle. Parents may continue to participate in the on-campus learning model until otherwise notified by the District. Please note that if there are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19, the school may be required to shut down for an extended period of time. If this occurs, your child will transition to remote/virtual learning at home.

REMOTE/VIRTUAL LEARNING AT HOME

HOW IT WORKS: This model allows students to receive their instruction at home through an asynchronous remote learning model that has been approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Parents selecting this option must remain with remote/virtual learning model through the end of a grading cycle (six or nine weeks). At that time, parents can opt for the on-campus (face-to-face) learning model. Parents must notify their child's school if they want to change options for the start of the next grading cycle. Parents may continue to participate in the remote learning model until otherwise notified by the District.



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GROUP 1: Returning September 21, 2020

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Learners in Specialized Settings:
Students in our Special Education
Self-Contained Classroom Units;

Students in Pre-Kinder Program

9TH GRADE CAMPUSES

Learners in Specialized Settings:
Students in our Special Education
Self-Contained Classroom Units;

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Learners in Specialized Settings:
Students in our Special Education
Self-Contained Classroom Units;

HIGH SCHOOLS

Learners in Specialized Settings:
Students in our Special Education
Self-Contained Classroom Units;

GROUP 2: Returning September 28, 2020

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Students in Grades Kinder and First

9TH GRADE CAMPUSES

Students in Ninth Grade
(Freshmen)

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Students in Sixth Grade

HIGH SCHOOLS

Students in Twelfth Grade (Seniors)

GROUP 3: Returning October 5, 2020

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**

Students in Grades Second and
Third

**9TH GRADE
CAMPUSES**

**MIDDLE
SCHOOLS**

Students in Seventh Grade

**HIGH
SCHOOLS**

Students in Tenth Grade
(Sophomores)

GROUP 4: Returning October 12, 2020

**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**

Students in Fourth Grade and
Fifth Grade

**9TH GRADE
CAMPUSES**

**MIDDLE
SCHOOLS**

Students in Eighth Grade

**HIGH
SCHOOLS**

Students in Eleventh Grade
(Juniors)

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Grade	Face to Face	# Transportation	% Transportation	# After School Program	% After School Program
01	366	116	32%	67	18%
02	345	103	30%	57	17%
03	315	106	34%	60	19%
04	288	87	30%	39	14%
05	269	80	30%	35	13%
06	253	116	46%	4	2%
07	232	121	52%	3	1%
08	216	119	55%	2	1%
09	266	188	71%	7	3%
10	211	141	67%	3	1%
11	169	113	67%	2	1%
12	191	87	46%	2	1%
EC	4	2	50%	0	0%
KG	320	94	29%	67	21%
PK	150	43	29%	25	17%
SE_Unit	141	83	59%	13	9%

United ISD 2020-2021 Academic Calendar



- New Employee Orientation
- 🍎 First Day of Class
- Staff/Student Holiday
- Professional Development
- Teacher Work-day
- Early Release Elementary/Middle School
- Early Release High School
- ★ STAAR Elementary/Middle School
- ★ STAAR Secondary/High School
- ☔ Bad Weather Make Up Day

Grading Period 6-Weeks
 Aug. 24 - Oct. 2 (30);
 Oct. 5 - Nov. 13 (29);
 Nov. 16 - Jan. 15 (28);
 Jan. 18 - Feb. 26 (29);
 Mar. 1 - April 16 (29);
 April 19 - May 28 (30)

Grading Period 9-Weeks
 Aug. 24 - Oct. 23 [43];
 Oct. 26 - Jan. 15 [43];
 Jan. 18 - Mar. 12 [40];
 Mar. 22 - May 28 [48]

First Semester 86
Second Semester 88
174

High School Graduations

Friday, May 28, 2021
 L. B. Johnson High - 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 29, 2021
 United High - 9:00 A.M.
 John B. Alexander High - 2:00 P.M.
 United South High - 6:00 P.M.

FOR CHILDREN
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Important Dates:

- August 24th:
First Day of Classes
- January 18th:
Start of Second Semester
- May 28th:
Last Day of Classes

STAAR Assessment Dates

Dec. 8	STAAR/EOC English I
Dec. 8	STAAR/EOC U.S. History
Dec. 9	STAAR/EOC Algebra I
Dec. 10	STAAR/EOC English II
Dec. 10	STAAR/EOC Biology
April 6	STAAR Grades 4 & 7 Writing
April 6	STAAR/EOC English I
April 8	STAAR/EOC English II
May 4	STAAR/EOC U.S. History
May 4	STAAR/EOC Algebra I
May 5	STAAR/EOC Biology
May 6	STAAR Grades 8 Science
May 7	STAAR Grades 8 Soc. Studies
May 11	STAAR Grades 3 - 8 Math
May 12	STAAR Grades 3 - 8 Reading
May 13	STAAR Grades 5 Science
June 22	STAAR/EOC English I
June 22	STAAR/EOC U.S. History
June 23	STAAR/EOC Algebra I
June 24	STAAR/EOC English II
June 24	STAAR/EOC Biology

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Calendar approved by United ISD Board of Trustees on June 9th, 2020. Subject to change due to TEA guidance and CDC recommendations. REVISED 9/15/20

JULY 2020							AUGUST 2020							SEPTEMBER 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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OCTOBER 2020							NOVEMBER 2020							DECEMBER 2020						
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JANUARY 2021							FEBRUARY 2021							MARCH 2021						
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APRIL 2021							MAY 2021							JUNE 2021						
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