



Dear Hamlin Collegiate Parents,

I know you have all been waiting to hear about the reopening of our school. I am happy to report to you that Hamlin Collegiate ISD will start school in person on August 12, 2020. It is our firm belief that our students need to return to school and to a sense of normalcy and routine. The love, support, and safety that our school and teachers provide to our students is vital to their educational development as well as their social/emotional health and well-being. To that end, we know that in-person instruction is the “gold standard” of education and that many facets of school cannot be duplicated virtually. However, we also know that as we reopen, we must keep our students and staff safe by following the safety protocols recommended by our state leaders.

Along with this letter you will find a two-part reopening plan that outlines our instructional plan and our safety plan. Both plans are straightforward and are our best attempt to take the mountain of information that has been provided to us by our state leaders and put it into a concise document that we can all turn to as we begin the new year. Our instructional plan is based on our belief that in-person instruction is the best method of instruction, so we encourage all of our students to return on August 12. However, if a student is ill or medically compromised in such a way that would prevent them from in-person instruction, please contact your student’s principal. It is our sincere desire to support you as you seek ways to provide for your child’s education during this time. Our safety plan outlines our prevention efforts, our response if we have cases, and our mitigation protocols to prevent the spread of the virus.

There are many exciting things going on in the district. First, we are expecting to welcome several new students and families to our school community. Second, Montessori is expanding to include 3 more grades from age 3 to grade 3. Third, Hamlin Collegiate ISD’s first ever school-operated business, Piper-Weld is up and running. Fourth, the Piper Wellness Center (PWC) project is well under way and is scheduled to be complete this fall. Finally, the safety, security, and accessibility renovations at the high school, band hall, and auditorium are nearing completion. We are excited our students are returning to school to see these programmatic changes and facility improvements.

The faculty, staff, and leadership team at Hamlin Collegiate ISD remain committed to our motto to work hard, love kids and be positive. We are truly partners in this work so it is vital that we work closely together as we navigate these uncharted waters. Only with extraordinary levels of 2-way communication and cooperation can we have a strong start that will continue throughout the year. As we respond to situations that may arise, we will strive to be nimble in our response to changes that may occur and quick to communicate our response to those changes to our families and community. We ask that you give us grace if we fall short of your expectations in this regard.

If you have any questions about the reopening plan, please call me at 325-576-2722, Mr. Pond at 325-576-3624, or Mrs. Jones at 325-576-3191 and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Respectfully,

Randy Burks, Ed. D.



Hamlin Collegiate

# INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

**On-campus learning starts on Aug. 12th**

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## GRADES 7-12

When in-person instruction is being offered and a parent chooses to keep their student at home, remote instruction is available with the following guidelines:

- Remote learning students will be required to check-in/view/work in the ONLINE learning system every class period every day.
- There is no workload reduction for remote learning students.
- **Students must attend on-campus classes in order to participate in extra-curricular and UIL activities within the regulations of the UIL at that time.**

**This is very different and much more rigorous than the Hybrid Model that was used last semester as we responded to school closure.**

**ALL students, including remote learning students, must attend 90% of the classes for each course in order to earn credit for that course. (TEC, §23.092)**

## GRADES 4-6

When in-person instruction is being offered and a parent chooses to keep their student at home, remote instruction is available with the following guidelines:

- Remote learning students will be required to check-in/view/work in the ONLINE learning system 5 days a week (device provided)
- Remote students will receive the same level/amount of instruction as in-person students.
- **This is very different and much more rigorous than the Hybrid Model that was used last semester as we responded to school closure.**

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## MONTESSORI EARLY CHILDHOOD (AGES 3-5) AND LOWER ELEMENTARY (1ST-3RD)

- We have dedicated time and money to provide top tier Montessori instruction for our students, and we are committed to providing a safe environment for all students in this program. We know from our experience last spring that we cannot replicate Montessori remotely, so we ask you to trust us to provide this high quality instructional program in a safe and effective manner.

**For immunocompromised students, please contact your campus principal to discuss an individualized instructional plan.**

Parents should contact their child's campus administrator and complete a Remote Learning Option form to make that designation for their child.

# HAMLIN COLLEGIATE COVID-19 ABBREVIATED SAFETY PLAN

*While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps we can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly.*

## PREVENT

- Teachers and staff will self-screen daily prior to arriving at school
- Parents should not send their children to school if showing symptoms (fever/temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees, Loss of taste/smell, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Shortness of breath, Headache, Chills, Sore throat, Shaking or exaggerated shivering, Significant muscle pain/aches, or Diarrhea
- Face coverings are required for ages 10 and above when appropriate.

## RESPOND

- We will kindly separate any student who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Our custodial team will clean those areas.
- We will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in campus activities.
- When we have a student with a positive case, this student will temporarily move to remote learning until it is safe to return.

## MITIGATE

- We will have frequent hand washing times, and we will have hand sanitizers in every classroom.
- Campuses will institute more frequent cleaning practices, including additional cleaning by custodial staff, as well as provide the opportunity for children to clean their own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.

*Here at Hamlin Collegiate, we are both concerned with keeping our students safe while at the same time continuing to provide them a quality education in the least restrictive environment. Please help us keep your children safe.*