

The 2020-2021 school year allowed school districts to have Asynchronous Instruction (Virtual Learning). This option is not available to school districts for the 2021-2022 school year. The Texas Education Agency has moved to what they call Remote Conferencing. Students who are COVID-19 positive, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have been in close contact with a lab confirmed COVID-19 student will need to participate in Remote Conferencing each day to be counted present for school.* Every student's attendance will be counted daily whether they are participating in face-to-face learning or Remote Conferencing. The 90% attendance rule still applies to all students. The rule states that a student has to be in class at least 90% of the time if they want to receive credit for the class. This is why students at home with a COVID-19 related issues need to participate in Remote Conferencing.

What is Remote Conferencing?

Remote Conferencing means remote instruction in which a student at an off-campus location is able to virtually participate in classes provided by a teacher on the student's campus.

Requirements for Participation in Remote Conferencing:

- The Student is unable to attend school because of a temporary medical condition.
- The total amount of remote conferencing instruction does not exceed 20 instructional days over the entirety of the school year.

Also, one of the following requirements must be met:

- The student's temporary medical condition is documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The documentation must include a statement from the physician recommending that the student remain confined to their home or to a hospital.
- o The student has a COVID-19 positive test result.
- o The student has been identified as having been in close contact with COVID-19.

Students participating in Remote Conferencing will be counted present in the following ways:

- Students in grades Pre-K 5th must receive the equivalent of <u>four hours</u> of instruction with at least <u>two hours</u> of synchronous instruction each school day.
- Students in grades 6 12 must receive at least four hours of synchronous instruction each school day.

What is Synchronous instruction?

It is two-way, real-time/live virtual instruction between teacher and students.

• Remote students must be taught by a teacher who isn't teaching in-person students at the same time.



Channing ISD's Plan

Notifications

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school, you will be notified and required to pick them up. After leaving the school, your child should be tested for COVID-19. Please keep your kids out of school until you receive the results of the COVID-19 test. Once you receive the test results, please notify the school of the test's outcome. As a precaution, if the result comes back negative and your child still has symptoms please keep them home from school. If you notice COVID-19 symptoms prior to your child arriving to school or the bus stop, please keep them home and notify the school.

Devices and Instructional Material Disbursement

Students and/or grade levels who are not in attendance because of a COVID-19 situation:

- Once you notify the school that your child will not be able to attend school because of a COVID-19 situation, the school will start the process of accumulating your child's device and materials needed for Remote Conferencing.
- The school will make arrangements with you for you to either pick up the materials or for the school to deliver your child's device and/or instructional materials.
- Your child's teacher will upload lessons, videos, and other instructional materials/programs into the teacher's Google classroom.

If the entire school shuts down because of COVID-19:

Channing ISD will do everything in our power to keep from shutting our doors because of a COVID-19 outbreak. However, if something occurs that prevents the school from operating with a face-to-face instructional option, we will provide you with an opportunity to come and pick-up devices and instructional materials within the community you live.

- The school will communicate with all parents/guardians that the school is shutting down for a certain period of time. A day and time will be appointed for dropping off/picking up devices and materials.
- On the appointed day and time, the school will run buses to the following stops in order to drop off devices and instructional materials
 - Dumas Ballpark bus stop
 - Dalhart People's Church bus stop
 - Bushland/Amarillo Country Store bus stop
 - West Route special arrangements
 - Boys Ranch/Channing/Dairies in Channing pickup at the school
- Your child's teacher will upload lessons, videos and other instructional materials/programs into their Google classroom.
- Once school returns to face-to-face instruction, please make sure your child brings all devices and instructional materials back to school.



Remote Conferencing etiquette

- While participating in the synchronous portion of the remote conferencing (virtual real time instruction and/or monitoring) students must observe the following rules:
 - Students will be held to standards of the Channing ISD Code of Conduct.
 - If a student violates a standard within the code of conduct, the student could face a consequence when they return to school.
 - Students need to be upright, out of bed and ready to learn.
 - Students need to be groomed and dressed with clothes they would wear to school (not pajamas).

Attendance

Remote Conferencing is a way for students to be counted present for school at least 90% of the school year so they are not in danger of not receiving credit or being promoted. Attendance rules while Remote Conferencing:

- Students who are lab-confirmed positive with COVID-19 will receive an excused absence if their symptoms prevent them from participating in Remote Conferencing that day.
- Students who are close contact and/or are not lab-confirmed positive with COVID-19 will
 receive an unexcused absence if they do not participate in Remote Conferencing that day.
 - Students with too many unexcused absences violate truancy laws and must go through truancy prevention measures.
- Both excused and unexcused absences count against the student's 90% attendance for the school year which could affect the students credit.

Note: Absences accumulated by students from August 19th – August 30th for a COVID-19 situation will not count against the students 90% attendance rule, since the Remote Conferencing plan was not in place at that time.

Remote Conferencing Instructional Day

Remote Conferencing will focus on the student's four core areas of school: Math, English Language Art/Reading, Science, and Social Studies.

Students who are not in attendance because of a COVID-19 situation:

- Each grade level cluster of students will have a staff member in charge of that cluster who will provide synchronous instruction through Remote Conferencing.
- PK 5th grade students are required to have two hours of synchronous instruction per day and two additional hours of school work to equal a total of four hours.
- 6th 12th grade students are required to have four hours of synchronous instruction per day.



Students need to follow the schedule below:

PK-5th – Students will be invited to join a Remote Conferencing Google Classroom.

They will need to click on and join the Google Meet linked in the Google classroom in order to meet face-to-face with the Remote Conferencing instructor. Your child's remote conferencing instructor will then be able to direct the student to their virtual learning classrooms where they can then access learning videos and assignments posted by their individual classroom teachers. Students will need to be in the Google Meet during the following times for face-to-face instruction for the designated subject:

- 8:30-9:00 ELAR
- 9:30-10:00 Math
- 1:30-2:00 Science
- 2:30-3:00 Social Studies

These times meet the requirement for 2 hours of virtual face-to-face instruction. Students will complete assigned work independently during non-meeting times to total the four total hours of work needed to meet attendance requirements for the day.

6th-12th – Students will be invited to join a Remote Conferencing Google Classroom.

They will need to click on and join the Google Meet linked in the Google classroom in order to meet face-to-face with the Remote Conferencing instructor. Your child's remote conferencing instructor will then be able to direct the student to their virtual learning classrooms where they can then access learning videos and assignments posted by their individual classroom teachers. Students will need to be in the Google Meet during the following times for face-to-face instruction for the designated subject:

- 8:00-11:00
- 2:00-3:00

Secondary students will not have a designated time for each subject. They can work on subjects as needed throughout the day. They do however need to be logged onto the Google meet and be visible during the entire 4 hours of face-to-face virtual meeting in order to be counted as present for attendance.



Grade level Remote Conferencing because of a COVID-19 outbreak in the grade level:

 The teacher of the grade level and/or content area (3rd-12th) who is involved in Remote Conferencing will provide Remote Conferencing during their regularly scheduled class time. Times for each grade level will be posted the teacher's Google classroom if this should occur.

School closed for Remote Conferencing because of a COVID-19 outbreak:

The teacher of each grade level and/or content area (3rd-12th) will provide Remote
Conferencing with students during their regularly scheduled class time for all classes for PE,
Athletics, and Music. These classes will have activities loaded into their class' Google
classroom for students to complete independently.

^{*} This plan is for students who cannot attend school due to a COVID-19 situation. For the 2021-2022 school year, the plan could also be implemented for students who have another type of communicable disease documented by a licensed medical professional, and administration has been notified and approved the implementation of the plan.