

Common misconceptions of remote instruction

It will be just like last Spring. Students can choose activities and don't have to work every day.

Remote instruction will be **very different** than last Spring. The lessons and assignments will be much harder and will count for a grade. The student will have to do the lessons and assignments every day during normal school hours.

The school will give us a device and Internet connection.

Students will likely need their own device until October. Students will have to have their own high-speed Internet access. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, remote students will not be allowed on school property while in-person students are present to access the school's internet connection.

We will just work at home then go to school for activities.

Remote instruction students will not be allowed to participate in in-person activities.

It's just like homeschooling.

In homeschooling, parents are responsible for curriculum, assignments, and grade. In PISD remote instruction, the school will provide lessons, assignments and will also grade the work. Students must pass the class to advance to the next level or to graduate.

In remote learning, I don't have to work everyday or can do the work at night.

Attendance will be taken in remote learning every day. Students who do not check in and complete assignments will be counted absent. Just like traditional in-person instruction, when the student accumulates 10 unexcused absences the school is required to file a charge of truancy in the courts.

I can just let my child do the work while I do other things, including go to work.

Anyone with experience in learning at home will agree that a parent or guardian will need to be constantly present with the student for guidance, help, and motivation. If the parent/guardian does not stay with the child to keep him/her on task and ensure they have help then the student's grades will suffer which could lead to failing the grade level or classes. Access to the teacher for assistance will be very limited and will not be enough by itself to ensure the student's success.

Remote instruction is the only way to keep my child safe.

While we are sympathetic to the COVID-19 concerns, PISD is taking exceptional steps to keep students safe during this crisis. Included in the steps are wearing masks, redoubling cleaning and disinfecting, plexiglass shields in cafeterias, and health screenings upon entry. We understand that this will not guarantee that students will not contract the coronavirus, but these steps (as well as many others) are being taken to keep students as safe as possible.