

Houston Virtual Distance Learning - Implementation Procedures

- 1. Parents of Houston County School District students will be notified by a School Messenger callout of the introduction of distance learning on Monday, July 6, 2020.
- 2. Parents may register their child for the Houston Virtual distance learning program by going to www.hcbe.net beginning on July 6th.
- 3. Online registration for Houston Virtual distance learning must be completed no later than Monday, July 13, 2020.
- 4. Parents will be notified by School Operations of the approval and the assigned distance learning teacher.
- 5. Once a request is approved, the parent agrees that their child:
 - commit to distance learning for the minimum of one grading period, which is nine weeks for elementary students and one semester for middle and high school students;
 - have a device that will connect to the internet at home;
 - have internet access at home;
 - be available for instruction during regular school hours;
 - log-in and participate in the class to be counted as present for the day;
 - meet all academic and attendance requirements;
 - take state-mandated standardized tests; and
 - be an active student in the Houston County School District.

Additionally, students in distance learning:

- will have limited options for specials, connections, and electives;
- will not participate in school activities or extracurricular activities; and
- will not be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian unless the student physically attended high school on campus for four semesters.
- 6 Elementary students will be assigned a teacher who will use Google Classroom as the learning platform for instruction.
- 7. Middle and high school students will participate in digital learning using the Houston Virtual Odysseyware platform and will have an assigned teacher to offer additional teaching support in certain subject areas.