

Alvord ISD Family:

We are continuing our series to address the most frequently asked questions about the 2020-2021 school year.

Today's topic is the Optional Flex Period. We are asking Elementary and Middle School parents to pick up their students before the end of the regular school day.

Question: What is the Optional Flex Period at the Elementary and Middle School campuses this year?

Answer: Elementary and Middle School parents can pick up their students before the end of the school day. The optional flex period pickup time at Elementary is 3:00, the Middle School optional flex period pickup time is at 2:55. Students who are dismissed early will be assigned work that must be completed at home in order for them to be counted present for the flex period.

Question: How will this work for students who are not dismissed early?

Answer: Students who are not picked up early will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time which is 3:30 for Pre-K through 2nd Grades and 3:33 for 3rd through 5th Grades at the Elementary. Regular dismissal is at 3:40 at the Middle School. Bus routes will run at the end of the day at regular dismissal times. Some students who are learning at school may need to stay until the end of the day; if this is the case this will be communicated to the parent in advance.

Question: What is the purpose of the Optional Flex Period?

Answer: The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is giving school districts some additional flexibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Optional Flex Period will help with social distancing during dismissal. It will also reduce the number of students who are on campus during the last part of the day, freeing up some teachers to work with students who are learning at home and to give additional support to students who are learning at school who may need to stay until the end of the day.

Question: Will there be an Optional Flex Period at the High School this year?

Answer: No. The staffing and scheduling issues at the High School are different than they are at the Elementary and Middle Schools. We can give teachers additional time to work with students who are learning at home and maintain social distance at dismissal at the High School without the Optional Flex Period.

Optional Flex Period Surveys: The elementary and middle schools need to know if parents will be picking up students early or not. If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below to complete the survey.

Elementary Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNnwIHUO3GrnLayt7BmZGsnnAFG7TRpX39T9RM7flyTbWXwQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Middle School Survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-6PhnYp7z18BVtRtC5RaC146jS2t84oAU0t3K_l35wq-nyg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0