

Resolution of Lovelady ISD Regarding Remote Learning Restrictions

WHEREAS, due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 and the consequent exercise of the waiver authority provided to the Commissioner of Education in Texas Education Code (TEC) §48.005(n), local education agencies (LEAs) are required to submit an asynchronous learning plan for review and approval to earn average daily attendance (ADA) funding;

WHEREAS, TEA guidance states if your asynchronous plan was approved by TEA, you can implement additional components while still maintaining fidelity to the original plan;

WHEREAS, TEA guidance states the only requirement for daily asynchronous remote instructional schedules is that all students should engage in daily academic work that is equivalent to direct content work (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies) that a student would be engaged in over a normal school year;

WHEREAS, Lovelady ISD believes that face-to-face instructional model is superior to asynchronous instruction and 5% of Lovelady students have chosen to participate in asynchronous instruction;

WHEREAS, of the 5% of students participating in remote instruction, students continue to demonstrate academic struggles;

WHEREAS, Lovelady ISD has had low incident rates of COVID-19 cases, and several mitigation strategies continue to be successful in keeping COVID-19 rates low;

WHEREAS, the provision of remote instruction is not mandatory for all students, and TEA provides that if a parent wants a remote instruction option and their home district isn't offering that option, the parent would need to request a transfer to a district that did provide it;

WHEREAS, Lovelady ISD believes that asynchronous instruction may be utilized as an option when face-to-face instruction is determined to not be an option such as when a student is quarantined due to COVID, a student or household family member has a documented medical condition that makes them at high risk for COVID, or an ARD committee or Section 504 committee has determined that a student will receive instruction remotely; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code 11.151 gives the Board of Trustees the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lovelady ISD will limit those students receiving remote learning effective November 10th, to students that are:

1. Quarantined due to COVID-19 related reasons,
2. The student or household family member has a documented medical condition that makes them at high risk for COVID including documentation provided by a medical professional; or
3. An ARD committee or Section 504 team has determined that a student will receive instruction remotely

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent is authorized to carry out all necessary action in accordance with the terms outlined herein.

The Board of Trustees of Lovelady Independent School District Adopted this resolution on the 19th day of October, 2020.