



RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS

July 7, 2020

Dear RYSS Families,

All of us here at RYSS are hoping and praying each of you is safe and healthy. And, I would like to thank you for your confidence and trust that RYSS is the best school for you and your family. We know you want the best for your family, as do we.

Your principal and I would like to share some initial information regarding the 2020-2021 school year. While the year will begin differently from any other school year, it is nonetheless an exciting time. The year will offer a new adventure in many ways, and we will excel because we make it happen together.

I would like to thank all of you who took the time and completed the survey asking for your input regarding 2020-2021 preparations. We received an excellent response, which served as a reminder that RYSS is a very fortunate community to have so many families involved and dedicated to every students' success and safety. Based on your responses, as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Texas Governor's Office, Texas Education Agency, and Harris County, attached to this letter you will find the following:

- The 2020-2021 Academic Calendar for Houston and Brownsville;
- The HYBRID SCHEDULE model and explanation, which is the daily schedule model we are currently using to plan for 2020-2021 (due to ongoing COVID-19 developments, if a change is required, we will notify you as soon as possible).

Specific information for each campus will be sent between July 10 and July 15 regarding school supplies and uniforms, safe return to school procedures, breakfast and lunch procedures, and other information that will assist each family prepare for back-to-school. Of course, if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate the call the school office.

We miss seeing our students and families who make RYSS such a special community. If you are new to the community, *WELCOME!* You will soon discover why RYSS is the school of choice for so my families.

Sincerely,

Adriana Tamez, EdD
Superintendent of Schools



ELITE STEM PRIMARY ACADEMY KG - 5
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2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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Semester 1 - 2020

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Students do not attend school on Staff Development or Teacher Preparation Days

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Student Holidays - Semester 1

Labor Day	September 7, 2020
Fall Holiday	September 28, 2020
Thanksgiving	November 25-27, 2020
Winter Break	Dec. 18, 2020 - Jan. 4, 2021

Report Card Dates

1st six weeks	September 25, 2020
2nd six weeks	November 6, 2020
3rd six weeks	January 8, 2021
4th six weeks	February 26, 2021
5th six weeks	April 23, 2021
6th six weeks	June 3, 2021

Semester 2 - 2021

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Student Holidays - Semester 2

Winter Break	January 1 & 4, 2021
Marlin Luther King Day	January 18, 2021
Spring Break	March 15 - 19, 2021
Chavez-Huerta Day	March 29, 2021
Spring Holiday	April 2 & 5, 2021
Memorial Day Holiday	May 31, 2021

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Last day of First semester	December 17, 2021	MARTIN LUTHER KING	January 18, 2021		Distance Learning Instructional days
First Day of Second Semester	January 5, 2021	SPRING BREAK	March 15-19, 2021		SUMMER SCHOOL June 7 - 30, 2021
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		SPRING HOLIDAY	April 2 & 5, 2021		
		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	May 31, 2021		
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	Teacher Staff Development Days				
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HOUSTON STEM AND EARLY COLLEGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8
HOUSTON T-STEM AND EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL 9-12
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Semester 1 - 2020

Calendar grid for Semester 1 - 2020 showing months August, September, October, and November with specific dates highlighted for holidays and staff development.

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December 2020 calendar grid with highlighted dates.

Student Holidays - Semester 1

Table listing student holidays: Labor Day (Sept 7), Fall Holiday (Oct 12), Thanksgiving (Nov 23-27), and Winter Break (Dec 18 - Jan 4).

Report Card Dates

Table listing report card dates: 1st six weeks (Sept 25), 2nd six weeks (Nov 6), 3rd six weeks (Jan 8), 4th six weeks (Feb 26), 5th six weeks (Apr 23), and 6th six weeks (June 3).

Semester 2 - 2021

Calendar grid for Semester 2 - 2021 showing months January, February, March, and April with highlighted dates.

May 2021 calendar grid with highlighted dates.

June 2021 calendar grid with highlighted dates.

Student Holidays - Semester 2

Table listing student holidays: Winter Break (Jan 1 & 4), Martin Luther King Day (Jan 18), Spring Break (March 15-19), Spring Holiday (April 2 & 5), and Memorial Day Holiday (May 31).

Summary table with three columns: Significant Dates, Student Holidays, and Calendar Key. Includes details on report dates, holidays, and symbols used in the calendar.



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At this time, RYSS is planning to open the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year utilizing a HYBRID MODEL SCHEDULE. **We will be providing an update on July 15, which will include information if a change in schedule is necessary.** Please rest assured that any plan will be thoroughly communicated, with safety as our top priority.

A Return to School committee comprised of RYSS educators, parents, students, staff, and community members met to determine guidelines and protocols to resume operations at the campus and administrative levels. The committee made their recommendations by reviewing community survey results, as well as the most current information available from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Texas Governor's Office, Texas Education Agency, and Harris county in their discussions. The committee considered three options for the 2020-2021 return to school:

- Classes could resume in person.
- Classes could continue to take place entirely via distance learning
- Classes could be held as a combination of in-person and distance learning instruction (Hybrid Model).

The HYBRID MODEL was selected.

What is a HYBRID MODEL?

A hybrid model is a combination of in-person and distance learning classes. At RYSS, as part of a hybrid model, students will attend in-person classes at school one day, and participate in distance learning classes at home the other day, Monday - Thursday. Friday, identified students will attend in-person classes at school, and all other students will participate in distance learning classes. Whether in-person learning or distance learning, all students will have classes Monday thru Friday, except holidays.

What will the Hybrid Model Schedule look like at RYSS?

The RYSS Hybrid Model Schedule is located on the next page.



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HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each student will be assigned to Group A or Group B ➤ Friday is an instruction day, students are expected to participate in learning activities, whether in-person at school or distance learning at home 					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00a.m.- 4:00p.m.	Group A In-Person Learning at School	Group A Distance Learning at Home	Group A In-Person Learning at School	Group A Distance Learning at Home	1. Identified Students attend in- person learning at school 2. All other students participate in Distance Learning at Home
8:00a.m.- 4:00p.m.	Group B Distance Learning at Home	Group B In-Person Learning at School	Group B Distance Learning at Home	Group B In-Person Learning at School	1. Identified Students attend in- person learning at school 2. All other students participate in Distance Learning at Home

REMINDER:

- Each campus will send out additional information beginning July 10
- RYSS district office will send out any updated information July 15.