



San Antonio Independent School District

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Dear Parent:

As the COVID-19 restrictions continue, we want to update you regarding how your student will continue to receive Dyslexia/504 or special education services. Instructional models have been developed and assigned to your student depending on the most appropriate venue for instruction based on your student's 504 plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Dyslexia/504 services are being provided in a virtual format. Accommodations in your student's 504 plan are being imbedded in the general education instruction appropriate for the lesson and activities being taught. Dyslexia intervention is being provided using a virtual platform through Lexia or Really Great Reading. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher, administrator, or the Dyslexia/504 department at (210) 554-2570 or by email at csosa2@saisd.net.

Special education instructional services are being provided in one of three ways: fully online using a virtual learning platform, a combination of online learning and instructional activities/materials sent home, or activities/materials or equipment sent home combined with instructional support from the special education teacher and/or instructional assistant via online or telephone. Each of these methods includes instructional support from the special education teacher and/or instructional assistant.

Speech and related services such as occupational, counseling, art, and music therapy are being provided in an online teletherapy model with materials sent home if needed. Students for whom an online model is not appropriate will have materials and/or activities sent home followed up with support from the therapist via online or telephone. Physical therapy cannot be provided in a virtual format, so those services will occur in a consultation model for the present time through online or telephone consultation with the physical therapist.

All students with an IEP will have an ARD meeting to review present academic levels and to adjust the IEP if needed on return to school once the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher, administrator or the special education department at specialeducation@saisd.net.

All evaluation for Dyslexia/504 and special education has been suspended temporarily due to the restrictions under COVID-19 for social distancing. Your child's safety is a primary concern for SAISD. With this in mind, we are developing a plan to resume evaluation activities during the

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summer months. If your child has a pending evaluation, you will be notified about the plan for completion at the end of the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Please be sure to visit the SAISD Digital Learning Platform for supplemental activities in the Learning Choice Boards. All grade bands have embedded modified activities for students with disabilities. The webpage also includes additional resources for parents of students with disabilities at the bottom of the page under special education and Dyslexia/504.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent

Beth Jones
Senior Executive Director

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