

March 30, 2020

Hello Garza Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family are keeping safe and healthy. Lately, we are all receiving multiple communications regarding new procedures and protocols. Today's letter is to clarify the expectations which pertain specifically to Garza Independence High School and our students.

Starting on **Monday, April 6th, all Garza students are expected to log-on to Garza Online and continue their academic coursework remotely.** As stated in my previous letter to parents, all currently enrolled Garza students have working knowledge of our Garza Online platform. Prior to this new, exclusively online delivery of instruction, Garza students and their teachers participated in blended learning in the classroom utilizing Garza Online. Blended learning is a style of education in which our students learn via Garza Online as well as traditional face-to-face teaching. Due to our current building closure, the traditional face-to-face delivery of instruction is being adapted to better address the absence of a brick and mortar environment. Students will still have direct contact with teachers for instruction, just through different modalities.

Through our history of blended learning, we are very proud of the Garza Online curriculum we have built, updated, and refined over years. I want to affirm our Garza teachers will continue to facilitate online learning and are available to answer questions and offer guidance related to class assignments and grading practices via the online course, through email, and other online tools which we are continuing to adapt to meet our academic needs during this time period.

Garza teachers utilize a course-specific pacing guide for each class. Pacing guides provide specific information pertaining to assignment due dates and an overall course completion time frame. These pacing guides have already been a part of our classroom procedures and our students are very familiar with them. Please, ask your child to share with you the pacing guides for their courses so you may assist us in helping students stay on track with their learning expectations.

Of final note, our Garza Guidance Counselors are continuing to reach out to our students directly via phone and email. We anticipate this communication to be completed by the end of this week. Teachers will begin their communication with students beginning Monday, April 6th. If there are any issues related to a lack of technology for students to continue in their course work, please email me with your specific needs. I would also appreciate you including a phone number where I can reach you, if possible, in our correspondence.

Please continue to monitor the Garza website for updates. As always, I want to make myself available to you via email at linda.webb@austinisd.org to address any questions.

Garza HS Website: www.garzahighschool.com

Garza Online Platform: www.garzahighschool.net

Sincerely,

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