



# Lake Jackson Intermediate School

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Dear Lake Jackson Intermediate Families,

We at Lake Jackson Intermediate know that this year has been filled with unprecedented challenges for our students and their families. We hope and pray that you and your family are doing well.

As you may already be aware, per the Texas Education Agency, there is currently no “At Home” testing option for STAAR. While it is still possible that the state of Texas will suspend the STAAR administration this year due to the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID 19 pandemic, the latest communications from the state (TEA) seem to indicate that STAAR testing will go on as planned. For this reason, in order for virtual students to participate in STAAR, these **students will have to physically come to campus in order to test**. If you are (or have) a virtual learner in a STAAR tested grade, enrolled in a STAAR tested subject, we will be communicating with you by school messenger regarding **your** testing dates, including practice opportunities on campus and directions for where to go along with any other specific instructions. Be sure to check your email and campus communication networks, such as the Key Communicator, LJI school website, and LJI Facebook page regularly for these communications. ***The most immediate test is 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing next Wednesday, February 10. Therefore, at this time, 7th grade virtual students will be receiving an additional follow-up email in the next few days with further instructions.***

For current virtual students, we understand that you may have concerns with allowing your child to come to campus for testing opportunities, whether Mock STAAR or the actual STAAR itself. We are taking extra precautions and ensuring that students are following social distance protocols and mask-wearing expectations. Further protocols will be implemented and communicated for our virtual students’ testing day. **Please also understand the potential repercussions and implications of failing to report and test for state-mandated exams, such as STAAR or TELPAS:**

- **Graduation impact**
- **Exiting criteria**
- **School programming**

Please know that we are doing everything possible to provide the very best and safest educational experience for your children. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to navigate through these unusual times. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We Are One,

*Sheri King-Minter*

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