

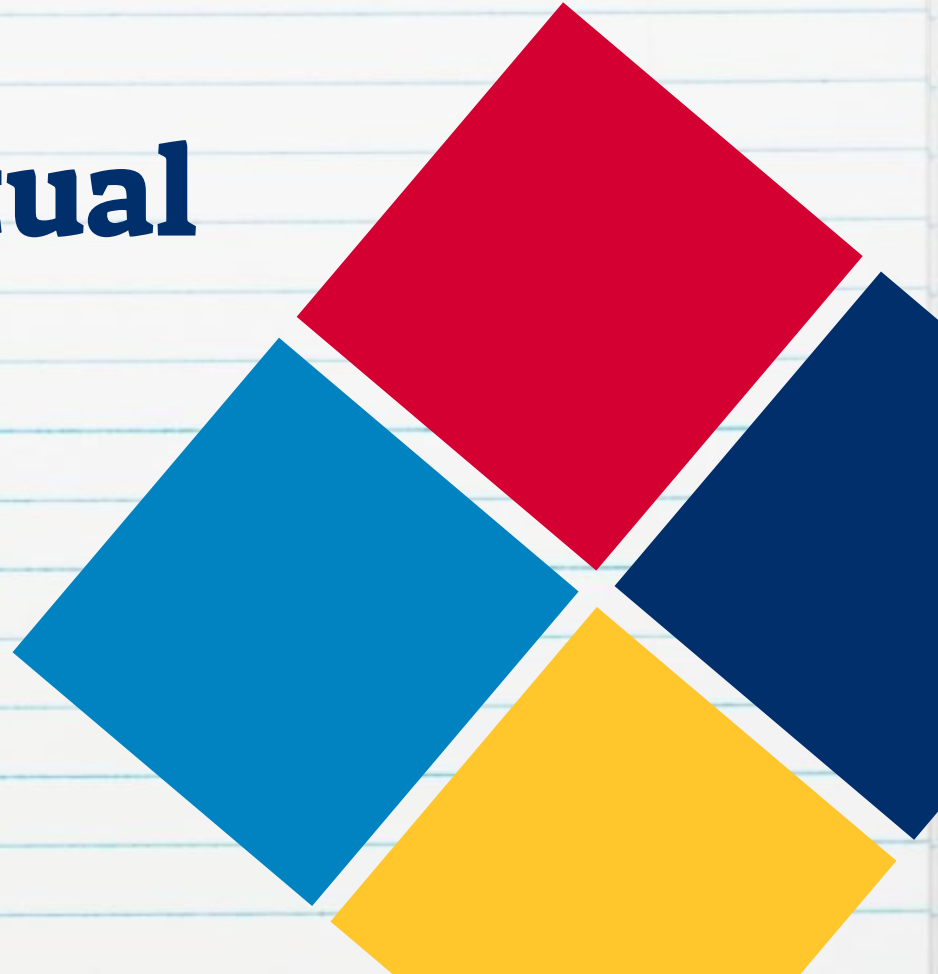
2023-24

Conroe ISD Virtual Academy

Parent Information
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**CISD
VIRTUAL ACADEMY**



Answering Questions

What - the school makeup, grades served, etc.

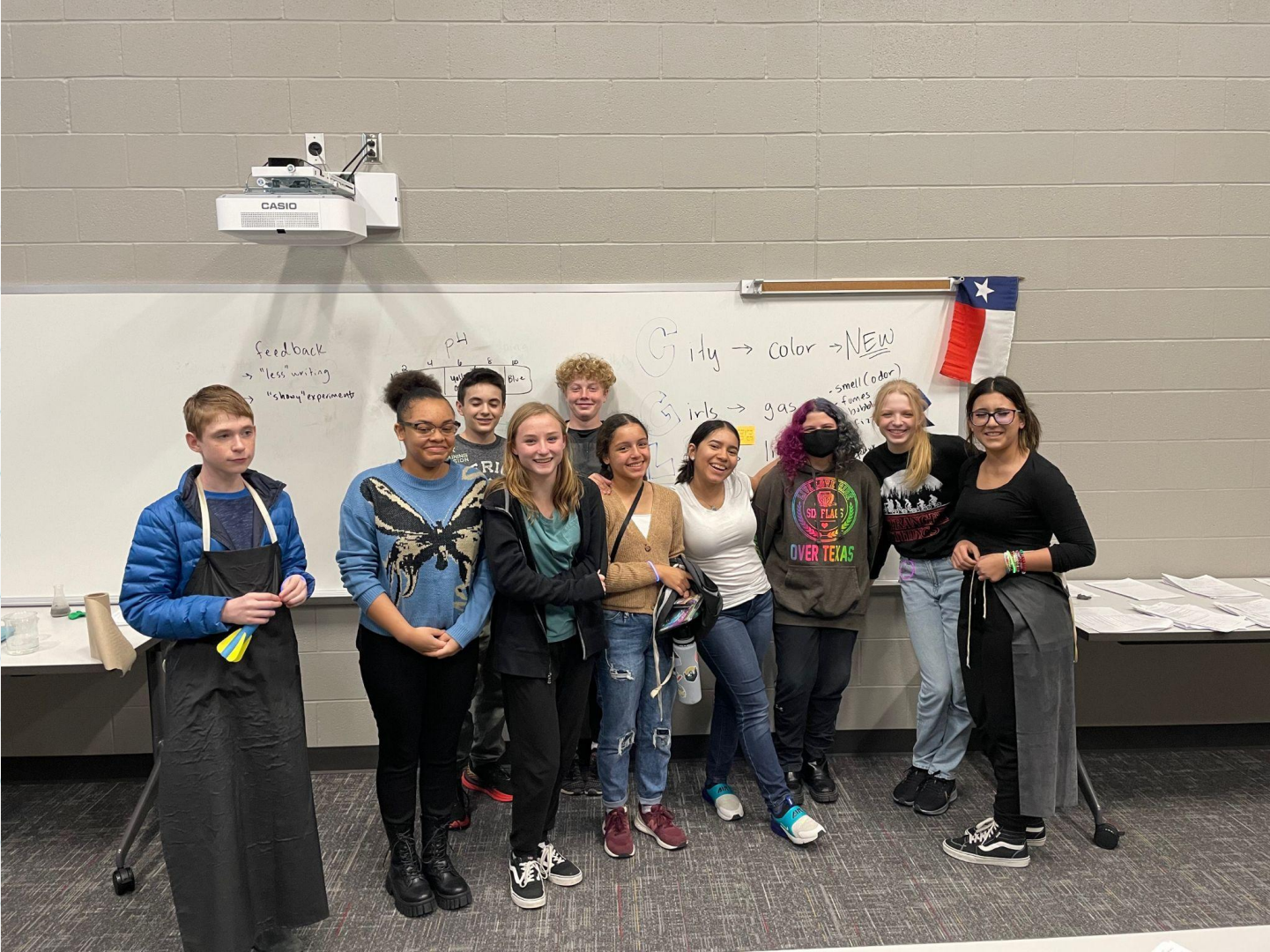
Who - who we are

Why - the purpose of our school. Who we aim to serve.

How - technology, canvas, zoom, google, etc.

Where - Field Trips, Socials, where we are housed, Jett Center, etc.

When - schedule, enrollment dates, direct and indirect days, etc.



Conroe ISD Virtual Academy (CIVA)

BACKGROUND

- IN FALL 2021, GRADES PRE-K THROUGH SIX WERE ABLE TO ENROLL IN A LIMITED VIRTUAL PROGRAM. PROGRAM ENDED IN DECEMBER, 2021. OFFERED LITTLE DIRECT INSTRUCTION. STIPEND/UNSTAFFED.
- APRIL 2022, CISD SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR. CISD STARTS WITH GRADES 5-8 FOR INITIAL YEAR.



- AUGUST 2022, CIVA OPENS WITH 58 STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8, WITH A TEACHING STAFF OF 9, FOCUSED ON TEACHING IN THE VIRTUAL SETTING EXCLUSIVELY.
- MARCH 2023, CISD COMMITS TO A SECOND YEAR OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL.
- MAY 2023, CISD AWAITS DETERMINATION OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION INTO THE FUTURE.




CIVA 2023-24

SERVING GRADES 4-5 (ELEMENTARY); 6-8 (JR. HIGH);
AND GRADE 9 (HIGH SCHOOL)

DIRECT TEACHING IN MATH, LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE,
HISTORY, ART, AND PE, FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS; SPANISH
AND EXPLORING LANGUAGES FOR GRADES 7-9.

OFFER INDIRECT TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS
BEGINNING IN 8TH GRADE FOR HEALTH, COMMUNICATION
APPLICATIONS, BIM, PRINCIPLES OF INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY, AND OTHER HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE CREDITS.

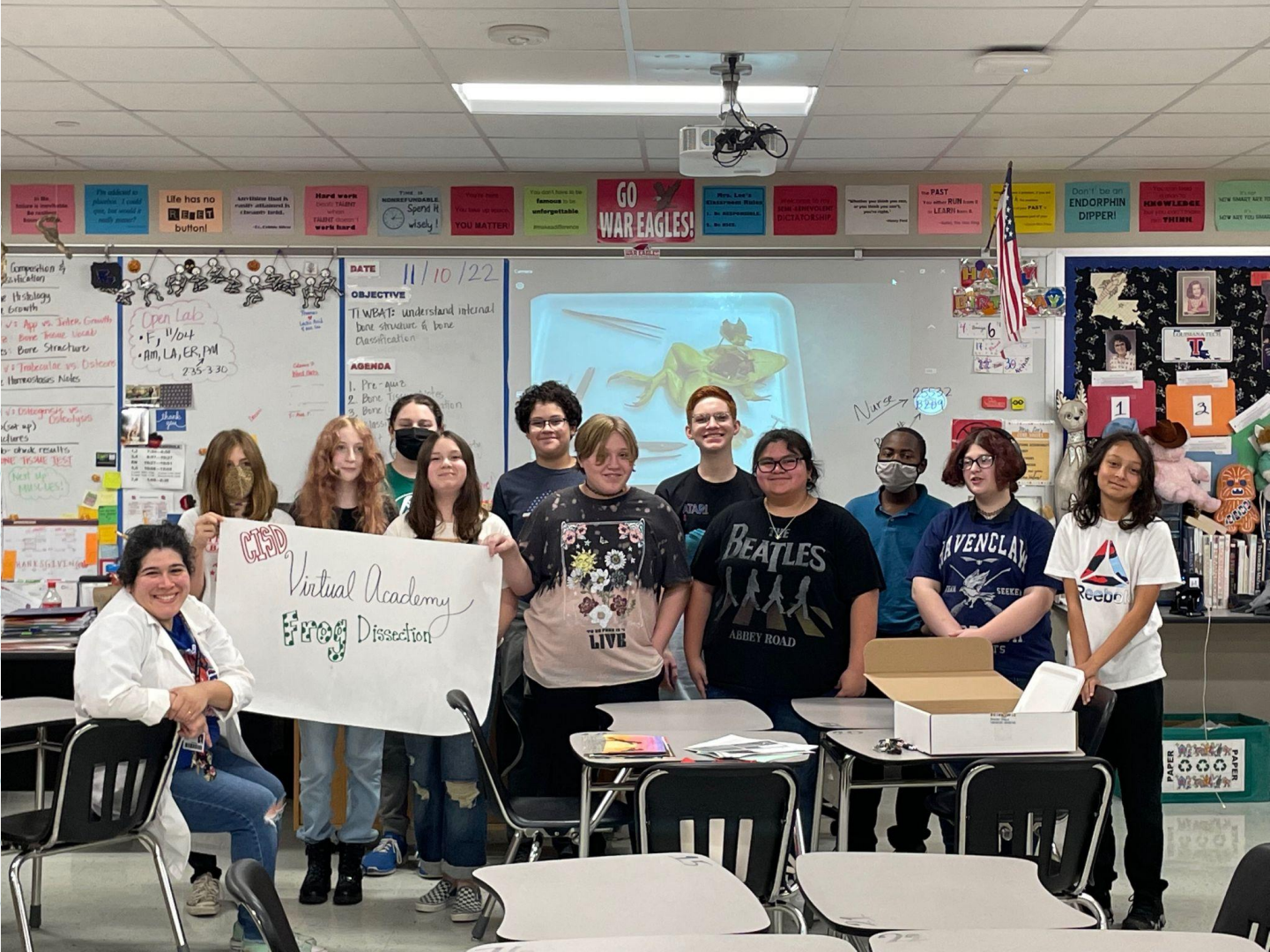




MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY ARE LIVE TEACHING DAYS (DIRECT TEACH) AND WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ARE SUPPORT DAYS (INDIRECT TEACH) FOR ALL STUDENTS.

FIELD TRIPS, SOCIALS, TESTING DATES ARE PLANNED FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

ONLY IN-PERSON REQUIREMENT IS STAAR TESTING IN THE SPRING OF 24.



Field Trips (Tentative)

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

9/22/2023

MUSICAL SCORES

10/4/2023

HOUSTON MUSEUM NATURAL SCIENCE

11/3/2023

IFLY FIELD TRIP – ALL AGES

1/26/2024

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

2/23/2024

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

4/10/2024

Social Events

OPENING PICNIC – ALL CIVA FAMILIES

9/8/2023

TRUNK OR TREAT

10/20/2023

HARVEST FESTIVAL

11/17/2023

HOLIDAY PARTY

12/15/2023

MOVIE DAY

1/12/2024

NATIONAL PIZZA DAY – INCREDIBLE PIZZA FIELD TRIP

2/9/2024

FIELD DAY – ALL GRADES

3/22/2024

BANQUET

5/16/2024





2023-24 Basic Schedule



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 AM	Homeroom Check IN	Homeroom Check IN	Homeroom Check IN	Homeroom Check IN	Homeroom Check IN
9:00 AM	1st Period	1st Period		1st Period	
9:55 AM	2nd Period	2nd Period		2nd Period	
10:50 AM	3rd Period	3rd Period		3rd Period	
11:35 AM	Break	Break		Break	
12:50 PM	4th Period	4th Period		4th Period	
1:40 PM	5th Period	5th Period		5th Period	
2:30 PM	6th Period	6th Period		6th Period	

2023-24 Meet our Staff

AJ LIVECCHI, PRINCIPAL

CAROL ANN WEST, COUNSELOR

LINDA FARRINGTON, REGISTRAR/SECRETARY

LINDA CABBELL, SPED

SAM ZUMWALT, SOCIAL STUDIES

BEN BOLLA, MATH

ARTURO GUTIERREZ, LOTE

EMILIE SCHWIND, SCIENCE

LINDSEY GUERRERO, ENGLISH

DIALYS RILEY, SCIENCE

NICOLE BLACKMAN, MATH

AALIYAH BANTON, SOCIAL STUDIES

ANJA SIZEMORE, READING

BRITT PAGE, READING AND SOCIAL STUDIES

WENDY CAFFEY, MATH AND SCIENCE

STACEY BOWDEN, ART AND PE

Our purpose

OUR PURPOSE IS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN IN AN EFFECTIVE AND MEANINGFUL WAY. WE DO THIS THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY, SOLID PEDAGOGY, AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING IN THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM.

WE BELIEVE THAT LEARNING IS NOT CONFINED TO A SCHOOL BUILDING – BUT THAT IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE AT ANYTIME WHEN YOU HAVE AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER AND A SUPPORTED LEARNER.

Our beliefs

OUR AIM IS PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION

ALL STUDENTS CAN LEARN

WE ARE NOT MAKING SANDWICHES

How do we teach and how do children engage in learning?

TEACHERS WORK FROM A CISD LOCATION (EITHER VETERANS MEMORIAL CAMPUS, OR A SATELLITE LOCATION)

ON DIRECT TEACH DAYS, STUDENTS HAVE A SCHEDULE WHERE LIVE INSTRUCTION IS DELIVERED VIA ZOOM.

INSTRUCTION WILL LAST ANYWHERE FROM 20-40 MINUTES PER CLASS PERIOD.

MANY MODELS OF INSTRUCTION ARE UTILIZED.

OUR CHIEF LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IS CANVAS.

Student Engagement

STUDENTS WILL HAVE A DEDICATED SPACE TO COMPLETE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS AND ENGAGE IN LIVE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES.

STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW THEIR SCHEDULE ON DIRECT TEACH DAYS, AS THEY ARE ABLE.

ATTENDING LIVE TEACHING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AND MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS WITH A GRADE BELOW A 75.

STUDENTS WILL UTILIZE OFFICE HOURS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT WHEN OFFERED.

Grading and attendance

GRADING GUIDELINES ARE ESTABLISHED BY EACH GRADE LEVEL:

ELEMENTARY (4TH AND 5TH) – 50% MAJOR TESTS/50% DAILY ASSIGNMENTS. ABOUT 1–2 DAILY ASSIGNMENTS PER WEEK PER COURSE. ABOUT 2 MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS PER NINE WEEKS, PER COURSE.

JR. HIGH (6TH – 8TH) – 60% MAJOR TESTS/40% DAILY ASSIGNMENTS. ABOUT 2–3 DAILY ASSIGNMENTS PER WEEK PER COURSE. ABOUT 3 MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS PER NINE WEEKS, PER COURSE.

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH) – 60% MAJOR TESTS/40% DAILY ASSIGNMENTS. 3 DAILY ASSIGNMENTS PER WEEK PER COURSE. 3 MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS PER NINE WEEKS, PER COURSE.

ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN DAILY, EACH CLASS PERIOD. A STUDENT MUST ENGAGE IN EACH CLASS EACH DAY IN CANVAS TO BE CONSIDERED PRESENT FOR THE DAY.



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sandwiches

-SAM ZUMWALT

Technology Needed @ Home

ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR LAPTOP, PREFERABLY A CHROMEBOOK (CAN REQUEST A CHROMEBOOK FROM CIVA)

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET (CAN REQUEST A HOTSPOT FROM CIVA)

SPEAKERS OR HEADPHONES

A WEBCAM

A PRINTER CAN BE HELPFUL, IF YOUR CHILD LIKES TO HAND-WRITE AND SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS

A TABLET OR PHONE WILL NOT BE CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING IN THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL