



The Future of Virtual and Remote Learning Checklist

New legislation on remote and virtual learning can help Texas school districts meet individual student needs and be more adaptable in times of crisis. But, to ensure quality, we must be thoughtful about how we proceed.

New policies on remote learning should include:

✔ **Continued funding for public schools providing remote instruction**

The Commissioner of Education is currently granting a waiver to provide funding for remote learning. Districts need a stable funding stream that allows them to plan and budget for all of the students enrolled, including services best delivered remotely.

✔ **Limit funding for remote services to students in a school district's attendance area who can also access in-person services**

This is not the time to open up the system to more private vendors or statewide schools. Schools need to offer the full menu of services to their students, including special education, career and technology, extracurricular activities, and other services that require physical attendance.

✔ **Transparent information and accountability for virtual and remote instruction**

Parents and students need information about the quality of full-time virtual programs and continued access to quality in-person and remote learning that they can physically reach. Existing statewide full-time programs that have not succeeded should be closed.

✔ **Funding for professional development of teachers and staff**

Teachers must be supported in their effort to master this new instructional approach so students receive the best possible instruction.