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Jacksboro ISD has offered both an in-person and remote learning option since the start of the school year, as we felt it was important to provide an option to parents during the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers and staff have worked hard to provide an exceptional experience for both in-person and virtual learners and to provide support for students to be successful.

However, as the year has progressed, an increasing number of virtual learners have become disengaged, which is reflected both in increasing absences and decreasing performance and grades. School districts across the state of Texas are reevaluating practices due to the difficulty school districts are having meeting our number one objective, which is to educate every student.

We want everyone to be aware of the modifications to the remote learning plan for the second semester. **Effective January 27, 2021, Jacksboro ISD will remove the remote learning option for students who currently meet one or both of the following criteria:**

- 1) Three or more absences per grading period
- 2) Fail two or more classes per grading period

**Students who meet the criteria above will be required to participate in in-person learning for the spring semester starting on January 27, 2021. These students will not be permitted to return to virtual learning for the remainder of this school year unless they are granted an appeal, which will require medical documentation, or they are quarantined due to COVID-19.**

**Students currently participating in in-person instruction who wish to switch to virtual instruction for the second semester must have fewer than nine absences and not be failing two or more courses, as noted above.**

Jacksboro ISD is committed to providing the best possible environment for students to be successful. We believe requiring struggling students to attend in-person learning is critical to ensuring that we fulfill our responsibilities. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Thank you,

Dwain Milam, Superintendent