
July 23, 2020

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your patience as we plan back to school in this ever-changing environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, in our Facebook Live session, questions arose as when ARD meetings would begin for students choosing the Clear Connections option. I assured you I would work on a plan and communicate the details.

In order to accommodate all Clear Connections students, we are asking available staff members to return to work early in order to facilitate the ARDs. We have two options:

1. ARD Amendment – An ARD amendment is a process where the school district and parent agree that slight adjustments can be made to the IEP without calling a full ARD meeting. CCISD staff will review IEPs of all Clear Connections students and contact the parents to discuss modifications, accommodations, and related services as they pertain to learning in a virtual environment. If both the district and parent agree on the changes to the IEP, change in the IEP will occur through the amendment process.
2. ARD Meeting – When CCISD staff call parents of Clear Connections students and agreement cannot be reached or the change to the IEP is significant, an ARD meeting will need to be convened.

These phone calls will begin the week of August 3, 2020. That is not to say every person will get their call this week as it will take time for each campus to reach out to parents/students. However, we will move as quickly and judiciously as possible in order to contact each parent.

I want to assure you, that the special services leadership team is continuing to respond to phone calls and emails in order to assist you with your decision making. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 281-284-0750 or by email. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding in this process. The health and safety of your student is our number one concern.

With regards,

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