

Continuing Ed. Connection

June 2020



Exchange Days - Important Reminders

1. The window (June 1 - Aug. 1) to earn 2020-2021 Exchange Days is open.
2. Exchange Days are different this year, so don't forget to review the GISD Hybrid Learning Model:
<https://www.greenvilleisd.com/cms/lib/TX01001755/Centricity/Domain/946/2020%20Exchange%20Days.pdf>
3. Exchange Day Hours have to be earned on non-contract time. For regular teaching contracts, that means during the summer. For extended contracts, such as 226 days, that means on evenings and/or weekends.
4. Check out the new FAQs section on our website under Exchange Days for more information!
<https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2959>

Requesting Credit for PD

Don't forget, Activity 2 of this year's Hybrid Learning Model requires each employee to earn 12 hours of online or face-to-face training.

Keep in mind:

- Hours earned need to match your job position and be approved by your principal or supervisor.
- Once you have earned your hours, you will need to request credit in Eduphoria Strive.
- You can find directions for entering credit requests here:
<https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2771>
- Make sure you upload your certificate when entering your Strive request. If no certificate is included, no credit can be awarded. Certificates need to be in an accessible format: PDF, PNG, Word Doc., etc. HTML links will not work.
- Also, make certain you enter the correct number of hours in the CPE and Exchange Day Credit Hours boxes. One hour of training equals one CPE credit.
- See the example below. This request would earn credit for CPE credits for certification purposes, but it would not earn exchange day credit because that box was left blank. Make sure you look carefully and fill in both if they apply.

Credit Requested	
2020-2021 Exchange Day Credit	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Texas SBEC CPE	<input type="text" value="2"/>

You will receive a confirmation email from Eduphoria if your request is approved. Save this email for your records. If something goes on, you will also receive an email stating the problem and asking you to resubmit.

If you have any questions about uploading credit requests, please reference the Continuing Education Department website <https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2468> or contact our office for more information.

Google Classroom Need to Knows!

The GISD Hybrid Learning Model also includes Google Classroom portions. Your campus's book study and podcast assignments (Activities 1 & 3) will involve posting in and utilizing Google Classroom.



This resource will help you navigate the Google Classroom platform:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1i2NJWTLyVQxRfR9iKUI84RQOEYcvkAbMmPLeQ1FJWhc/edit?usp=sharing>

Your campus/department leadership will share more details about the schedule and assignments that go with your book study and podcasts. Contact your principal or supervisor if you have any questions about either.

Compliance & Safety Training

SafeSchools & More

Don't forget! All the information about this year's required compliance and safety training was sent out. If you missed the email, you can access it here: <https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2477>

REMINDERS:

- These courses are required for all employees.
- The due date for compliance and safety courses is September 1.
- If you want to use SafeSchools courses for Exchange Credit, they have to be completed prior to August 1 and off contract time.
- The required SafeSchools courses can be used for Exchange Day Credit. They equal 3 hours, so you will still need 9 additional hours of time to satisfy Activity 2 on the Hybrid Learning Model.
- You must follow the credit request instructions and upload your certificates to Strive to request CPE or Exchange Day credits.

- The Commissioner's recommended COVID-19 training is also required for all staff. This course will not count toward Exchange Credit, but a certificate of completion still needs to be turned in via Strive for compliance records.

Stay Up to Date on Learning Opportunities

What is GISD Offering?

Upcoming learning opportunities can be found on the Continuing Education Department website under the Exchange Days tab.

You can also find opportunities to participate in by going logging into Strive and view the Upcoming Courses available.



Check Out Region 10's Options

There are also excellent virtual and face-to-face learning opportunities being offered by Region 10. You can access all of their upcoming courses and session by visiting their website and looking under Calendar of Events: <https://reveal.region10.org/ords/f?p=101:FULLCAL>

Make sure you are logged in to the Region 10 website when you try to view courses or register for workshops. If you are not logged in as a GISD employee, some courses will appear to have a fee when they actually do not because of our partnership with Region 10.

We Want to Celebrate You!



Last, but definitely not least...

Where are all of our graduates?

Have you or one of your teammates earned a degree or certificate recently?

We know this graduation season has been interesting to say the least, but we still want to celebrate you and your accomplishments. So, no matter what your graduation looked like - virtual, social distanced, or just celebrating the arrival of that diploma in the mail, we want to know about it.

Submit a picture, your graduation information (school, degree/certificate earned, etc.), and what you hope to achieve with your new learning to the Continuing Education Department. We want to spotlight you in our next newsletter!

The capacity to learn is
a *gift*; the ability to
learn is a *skill*; the
willingness to learn is a
choice.

Brian Herbert



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