George West ISD

NEW Parent Portal for Reviewing Student Grades & Attendance

George West ISD has transitioned into a new student management program which includes attendance and gradebook modules. Because of this conversion, we will no longer be using the parent portal, VSI. Instead, the District has implemented a new parent portal, *TxConnect*.

Through *TxConnect*, parents will be able to view their child's grades, attendance, class schedule, and more. *TxConnect* will allow you to securely access your child's information conveniently from any internet-connected computer at any time of the day or night. This program is provided as a service to the parents of the students of GWISD, and it is free of charge. If you have more than one child, you can set up all children under one account (unlike the previous portal).

In order to enroll in *TxConnect*, parents or guardians will need to go to their child's campus to pick up a parent portal ID letter. Please be prepared to show your ID. Parents who cannot come to the campus, can complete a Parent Portal Preference Notification Form, and the school will either mail the letter or send information home with the student. The enrollment letter will contain the *TxConnect* website address and your child's portal ID. Directions for signing up are on the *TxConnect* website.

Because of privacy and security issues, you will need to get the letter in person, and you will not be able to pick up information for any other student or parent.

All management of the account is the parent responsibility. The management of the parent portal is very similar to online bill pay accounts. You will establish your own login and password. In addition, you will set an answer to a security question. George West ISD will not have access to your account information. If you forget a password or login, you will need to go through the security process on the portal.

We look forward to this exciting new opportunity to connect parents and school. If you have further questions, please call your child's principal.

txConnect! Text Message Alerts and/or Email Alerts

With each account in txConnect, parents can either choose to receive email alerts or text message alerts, so if you want to receive text message alerts along with email alerts, just create a second account with the same Parent Portal ID number. Currently, the gradebook updates nightly. After the update, you should receive your preset alerts.

Ex: account one can be Mom2010 (for email) and account two can be Momtext (for text message). On the text account, when it asks for email, put in complete phone number + the extension for your phone service:

(ex. 123456789@txt.att.net) AT&T

(ex. 123456789@tmomail.net) TMobile

(ex. 123456789@messaging.sprintpcs.com) Sprint

(ex. 123456789@vtext.com) Verizon