

## Distance Learning Information

Distance learning will offer essential curriculum instruction. Delivery of instruction will depend on the number of students making the request, the grade level of the student, and the subject area. Due to the challenges of creating these distance learning plans, remote may not be fully launched until August 24<sup>th</sup>. This instruction will not be the same as in-person instruction because specials, exploratory, and elective courses may be limited in availability. Students and families that choose the distance learning option will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities or some hands-on classroom activities. In addition, some classroom instruction options (i.e. one to one and small group instruction) may be limited.

Instruction will be delivered with a specific time for each course between normal school hours. Attendance will be taken and school/state attendance policies will be followed. Families will be committing to a full semester of distance learning. Exceptions to this time frame may be made if medical documentation describing a need for distance learning has been provided prior to the start of the school year. Prior to the start of second semester, parents will be contacted regarding the decision to continue distance learning or return to in-person instruction in their assigned school building.

Students who are attending school in-person that become ill or are asked to quarantine for 14 days or less will continue to work with their assigned classroom teacher following traditional illness procedures and policies. Illnesses beyond 14 days will be handled on an individual basis, starting with a conference with the building principal.

### **Distance learning for the 2020-21 school year, for those families who opt to stay at home, will include:**

- An assigned teacher(s) will serve as the student and family's primary point of contact
  - K-5 students may be grouped together with same grade level students throughout the district and the teacher may or may not be the person your child would have had if attending school in person.
- Daily live and/or recorded lessons introducing new content
- Daily student learning activities (assignments)
- Traditional feedback and grading procedures
- Opportunities for students learning at home to learn with other students at designated, to be determined times, during the traditional school day.

### **Student responsibilities for distance learning:**

- Log in to the Google Classroom daily to access videos, learning activities (assignments), and feedback.
- Turn in assignments according to teacher-assigned due dates.
- Connect with teachers at assigned times during the traditional school day.
- Check email daily and respond appropriately.
- Establish a space in the home to focus on and complete assignments.
- Communicate with the teacher(s) when there are questions or concerns.

**Family responsibilities for distance learning:**

- Establish a space in the home for your student to focus on and complete assignments.
- Ensure that your student logs in to the Google Classroom daily to access materials and assignments.
- Monitor assignment completion.
- Assist your student in organizing time and materials for at-home learning, including attending scheduled live learning events.
- Communicate with the teacher when there are questions or concerns.
- Supply own device (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade), as school devices will be used for students present in the school building.

**Special education services for distance learning:**

- Special Education services will be provided in person at your child's school in a designated room for remote learners. This could be the Special Education or Speech Pathologists classroom, or a designated room assigned by the building.
- Sessions will be scheduled by the provider based on the child's needs and the provider availability.
- Sessions held at school may include other students in small group settings.
- Cleaning between service sessions will take place.
- Social Distancing to the maximum extent possible will be used.
- If families opt to not bring their child to the building for special education services, remote options will be available through the above listed remote options offered to all students.
- The Special Education Service provider may or may not be the provider your child would have had if attending school in person.

**Preschool Education Services for distance learning:**

- There will not be remote learning for preschool students who do not qualify for special education services.
- Special Education preschool services will be offered to students following the Special Education guidelines for distance learning.