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Montezuma Cortez RE-1

Online Learning hosted by ODS



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Why the need for online learning? -Choice

In light of current national, state and community wide health care concerns Montezuma Cortez RE-1 school district was looking for an instructional option for students, parents/ families that would provide a school-like setting in an online format.

Online learning provides:

- A safe and healthy educational option that limits personal interaction.
- High quality delivery of content and state standards.

Resource

To meet the need for a full-time distance learning option Montezuma Cortez RE-1 has partnered with Colorado Digital Learning Solutions or CDLS.

- CDLS is the state-supported and endorsed online program run out of the Colorado River BOCES that provides Colorado districts, BOCES, and charter schools access to high quality online courses in a 21st century learning environment.
- Courses are supported by a successful, research-based student support model that includes collaboration among highly qualified and state-certified online teachers that teach each course, local school or district-based site coordinators, and a strong CDLS leadership team.

CDLS website- <https://www.coloradodls.org>



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Online experience

- Once in the program, students from Kindergarten to 12th grade will have access to a wide variety of courses geared toward meeting grade level academic needs.
- Students will be placed in classes of grade level or content peers, possibly from around the state, that address content and Colorado Academic standards found in traditional, in-person educational settings.
- Student classes will meet online in a combination of live instruction and self-regulated/ parent supported work at a variety of times throughout a typical school week. Meeting schedules and workload requirements will be set forth by individual course instructors.

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- Students will receive instruction online and have activities and assignments aligned to meet desired outcomes, objectives and state standards.
- Assessments of multiple varieties (Formative & Summative) may be given throughout a course to determine comprehension and mastery of content and subject matter.
- Throughout the semester students, parents and site coordinators can monitor student progress towards course completion and success.
- Upon completion of a course students will receive grades that will be transferred to the school district and entered in Power School as part of their RE-1 cumulative records.

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Differences from traditional in-person instruction-

Online- CDLS is a fully self-contained online platform. Curriculum, Instruction and resources are all provided online.

Schedules and requirements for successful completion of courses are determined by online teachers.

While curriculum follows Colorado Academic Standards just as in-person instruction does, materials used and success requirements will vary from resources utilized and class requirements of in-person learning in RE-1. RE-1 does not provide resources to CDLS for instructional purposes.

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Course Offerings

Course offerings (Elementary) - Traditional content areas of math, ELA, science and social studies are offered with four elective areas of Art, PE, Spanish and Technology.

Course offerings (Middle & High School) - At secondary levels CDLS offers a variety of traditional content area classes in addition to a wide variety of “Elective” courses. Many courses are different than courses found in RE-1.

CDLS- (High School) offers a variety of AP courses to choose from along with concurrent enrollment, career & tech ed. courses and courses that meet [NCAA nontraditional core-course legislation](#)

Below is a link that provides an overview of available courses-

<https://www.coloradodls.org/coursecatalog>



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ESS Services-

Students w/ IEP or 504 needs and accommodations may have varying experiences. On the online format students can either be placed in grade level classes and receive accommodated instruction per their IEP or 504 plans or students can be placed in level “appropriate” classes that meet their needs directly. In either case, IEP or 504 accommodation information is provided to CDLS online teachers and the online teachers incorporate those needs into their lessons and planning. CDLS does not provide ESS teachers.

Keep in mind that Online learning in general may not provide the individualized support as in-person learning.

Parents/Guardians should consult w/ RE-1 student case manager to determine if CDLS is an appropriate option.



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Electives & Activities

Elementary and Middle School: Students should enroll in CDLS electives (See course overview link below)

High School students: Students may choose between CDLS electives or 2 electives at MCHS *if the desired elective is not available through CDLS.*

If MCHS electives are chosen then student/parent is responsible for transportation to and from MCHS. Student will also need to contact MCHS teachers to determine feasibility of attending the in-person course.

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Students participating in CDLS courses are still considered RE-1 students and are eligible for extra curricular activities. I.E. Sports, Clubs, Etc.



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How Registration Works

Registration begins via the traditional Montezuma Cortez RE-1 website registration. Students will need to be registered with their regional “home” school (i.e. Kemper, MCMS, MCHS, Lewis Arriola, etc.) to start the process.

During registration and once “home” school information has been completed an option for “online learning” will be available. Click on “online learning”. Student name, student email address, parent or guardian name, and contact information will be sent to the RE-1/CDLS Site Coordinator and the Site Coordinator will submit the information to CDLS.

Once a student is in the CDLS system an email will be sent to the students’ email account to complete the CDLS registration.

Locally a District or School Site Coordinator will manage the CDLS platform and approve student admittance. *Admittance will require an agreement of assurances from parent/guardian(s).*

Assurances

In order to be admitted to CDLS students, parents and families will need to agree to a set of assurances-

Assurances include:

- Understanding this program is exclusively online and outside of the in-school setting. It is not supplemental to in-school instruction nor is it functionally supported by local district educators.
- Students & Parents must commit to the course schedules and participation requirements set forth by course teacher and CDLS.

Parents/ Families must have-

- Reliable Internet/ Wi-Fi service
- Reliable access to usable device(s) - lap top/ desk top computer, updated chrome book. (District may provide student with a device if needed.)



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Important Dates- Fall 2020 Semester

Montezuma Cortez RE-1 web registration- July 27

MCHS in-person registration- July 30

CDLS registration 5-11

RE-1 Elementary in-person registration- August 6

In-person classes begin August 17

CDLS classes begin August 19

***CDLS/MCHS drop-add date August 28**

* Students may not drop classes and rejoin in-person learning after August 28 until semester break.

Dates are set by RE-1 and may differ from those on the CDLS web site &

Dates are subject to change!



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How will CDLS be different from the Spring of 2020!

This past spring educators from RE-1 and other districts in the state and country were asked to rethink and redesign educational delivery from a traditional setting to remote settings in the span of 2 weeks. These herculean efforts were valiant and for the most part filled a gap for the final remaining weeks of the school year.

The difference with what CDLS offers for this coming year is a dedicated online instruction platform that utilizes curriculum, resources and educators that are all designed and trained to deliver content instruction online.

As stated previously Courses are supported by a successful, research-based student support model that includes collaboration among highly qualified and state-certified online teachers that teach each course, local school or district-based site coordinators, and a strong CDLS leadership team.

CDLS provides a consistent and rigorous online educational experience.



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What CDLS is and is not-

CDLS is an option for those seeking an at home educational experience for the purpose of maintaining a healthy home environment and limiting potential personal family exposure to COVID 19.

CDLS is not an a-la-carte option for those choosing the online platform. It's purpose is not to supplement already existing programs or course work but to provide a full-time online alternative to in-person instruction for the purpose of COVID 19 relief.

By choosing Online learning students and families will be committing to full time online education and is comparable daily in-person education.

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Information

All information contained in this presentation will soon be available on the district web page:

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<https://www.cortez.k12.co.us/>

CDLS website:

<https://www.coloradodls.org>

CDE Resources for Learning at Home:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/learningathome/remotelearningresources#k3l>