

Alsip, Hazelgreen and Oak Lawn School District 126



Full Remote Return to School 2020 - 2021 Frequently Asked Questions

The District 126 School Board has voted to have all students return to school remotely this fall.

District 126 has compiled a list of questions parents may have in regards to the expectations for full remote learning.

Full Remote Instructional Model Schedule

Students will receive instruction remotely daily Monday - Friday.

- Guidance for remote attendance requires at least 5 hours of learning per school day
- Students will be required to attend “class” virtually through a structured model using a set schedule during the school week and during normal school hours
- Students will be formally assessed and formally graded as they would if they were attending in person instruction

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				

When In a Live Zoom or Google Meets Lesson

Teachers will be teaching specific expectations and routines for live instruction once the school year begins. Live lessons are providing instruction and students are expected to participate as they would be expected to participate in classes in the school building. All students will be expected to:

- Be on time and have materials available for learning
- Remain muted unless speaking in class or collaborating with classmates
- Interact with teachers and classmates appropriately
- Participate in discussions and ask clarifying questions

Frequently Asked Questions

INSTRUCTION

Question	Answer
During Remote Learning Days, will my child participate in learning using a virtual platform continuously for five hours?	No. Students will receive a daily virtual learning schedule. Instruction will include a variety of live instruction via Zoom or Google Meets, recorded lessons, educational software, and independent learning activities.
Will all classes be using the same digital platform for assigning work?	K-2 students will use SeeSaw 3-8 students will use Google Classroom
Will the remote learning curriculum mirror the curriculum if students were in-person for school?	Yes. Learning expectations and grading will be the same as if students were in-person. The curriculum follows the Illinois Learning Standards for all grade levels.
Will remote learning be live or recorded lessons?	Lessons will be mostly live, but may also include some recorded lessons.
How can I sign my child onto their iPad or Chromebook if I have to work?	In the classroom, students are required to navigate their Chromebooks and/or iPads independently. They are able to choose their apps and sign in to district features without assistance. We are asking parents to encourage their child's independence. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions about this.
Will my child have to take tests?	Yes. Students will be expected to complete assessments independently from time to time. Specifics regarding tests and protocols will be provided.
Will my child have Art, Music, PE, and Media Center (specials classes)?	Yes. All students will participate in specials classes remotely throughout the week.
Will my child still participate in band?	Yes. Band lessons will be provided virtually.
Will my 5th grader be able to start band this year?	Yes. We will be working with interested students to provide them an opportunity to join our District 126 Band.
If my student has an IEP, will they still receive their special education services and	Yes. All students who qualify for services will continue to receive their interventions and therapies.

therapies during remote learning?	
How will parent meetings, special education meetings, and problem solving meetings be held?	Special Education Eligibility, IEP, 504 and problem solving meetings will continue to be held remotely to the greatest extent possible. Any in-person meetings will follow IDPH requirements, including but not limited to wearing appropriate PPE, requiring social distancing be observed as much as possible, complying with capacity limits, and requiring pre-meeting symptom and temperature screenings. Parents/Guardians and additional participants will continue to be offered the opportunity to participate via alternative means (phone call, video conferencing).
What support will ESL students have in regards with language support?	ESL academic and language supports will be provided remotely.
Who should I contact if my child needs help with schoolwork?	Parents should reach out directly to their child's teacher. Teachers will be holding office hours for students who need extra assistance. Office hour schedules will be provided on the first day of school.
Will my child's work be graded? In the Spring, Governor Pritzker said students were not to be graded for their work.	Students will be graded for their work and provided feedback to further their learning. The guidelines stating that students will not be graded are no longer in effect.
School Day Logistics	
Question	Answer
Is attendance required?	Yes. Teachers will take attendance everyday. Attendance will be expected to be completed at 8:30 am and again at 12:15 pm for the afternoon session. The same student attendance procedures will be followed during remote instruction as would be followed during in-person instruction. Half day student attendance will continue to be implemented. If your child attends the morning session and not the afternoon session, they will be marked absent in the afternoon. Similarly, if your child attends the afternoon session and not the morning session, they will be marked absent in the morning.
How do I report a student absence?	The same attendance reporting protocol will be followed as usual. Parents/Guardians will contact their school's attendance line and leave a voicemail to report an individual student absence.

Will my child be required to make up work if he/she is absent?	Yes. Students with absences will be required to make up any work missed just as they would if they were in-person learning. Students should communicate with teachers about make up work assignments when they return to school remotely.
Does my child have to login everyday?	Yes. Students will be expected to follow the daily learning schedule and actively participate in all learning activities as if they were attending class in-person.
How will my child receive school announcements?	Teachers will begin each day with morning announcements. School communications will continue to be sent home via email and phone.
How will my child receive their books or other school provided texts/materials?	The district will be scheduling days and times at the start of the school and throughout the first half of the school year for families to receive their child's textbooks, workbooks, art project assignments/materials, etc.
What will back to school events look like?	Back to School events will be held virtually this school year. Specific information will be sent at the start of the school year.
Who should I contact if my child needs help with schoolwork?	Parents should reach directly to their child's teacher. Teachers will be holding office hours for students who need extra assistance. Office hour schedules will be provided on the first day of school.
Does my child have to turn in the work that is completed?	Yes. Any assigned work that the teacher expects to be completed will be expected to be turned in. Students will be expected to follow the same expectations as they would if they were learning in-person.
Will my child's teacher(s) communicate with me?	Yes. Teachers will maintain communication with parents. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to teachers. The home-school partnership is critical to students' learning and well being.
What do I do if my child needs technical assistance?	A Technology Ticket System link will be sent out to students via SeeSaw / Google Classroom and will be accessible on the schools' website. Students or parents are to complete the ticket. The information is immediately sent to the technology department for prompt assistance.
Will I need to still purchase school supplies for my child?	Yes. Families should purchase school supplies for the 20-21 school year. If by chance these supplies are not all used this year, families can use them for the next school year. Early Childhood/Preschool students do not purchase school supplies.

<p>How can I drop off school paperwork to the front office? (health forms, birth certificates, etc.)</p>	<p>A secured mailbox will be placed in each school vestibule to provide a contactless option to submit paperwork to your school. The vestibule will be open during regular school hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.</p>
<h2>HEALTH and SAFETY</h2>	
Question	Answer
<p>What is the process if my child is sick and cannot attend school?</p>	<p>Parents should call the main office when their child will be absent. Parents are encouraged to notify the office as far in advance as possible when choosing to keep their child home during remote learning time. All health related absences will be shared with the school Nurse / Health Aide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Health Aides / Nurse may contact the parent/guardian to verify details in order to track illnesses.
<p>Are vaccinations still required?</p>	<p>Yes. We are required to follow the same laws regarding the required vaccines for students.</p>
<p>Are physicals, eye exams and dental exams still required?</p>	<p>Yes Dental exams are required for students entering kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades. Eye exams are required for students entering kindergarten as well as students transferring in from out of state. Physical exams are required for students entering preschool, kindergarten and 6th grade.</p>
<p>Who can I contact with school health related questions?</p>	<p>Parents can email your child's school health aide / nurse. Early Childhood Center - Theresa Powers thpowers@dist126.org Hazelgreen School - Hadieh Ali hali@dist126.org Lane School - Theresa Powers thpowers@dist126.org Stony Creek School - Gina O'Donovan GODonovan@dist126.org Prairie Jr High School - Patricia Yerkes pyerkes@dist126.org</p>