



Guide for Distance Learning

Questions to ask Parents/students:

Do you have access to technology?

Do you have internet access?

Have you contacted your district to see what they can provide as far as technology?

Do you know your child's log-in information?

Did you know that your child has a school email?

Do you know how to access your child's information through Aeries?

Do you have Google Chrome installed on your computer? Most of the sites your child will need to access will require the Google Chrome web browser.

Other helpful information

If using a personal/shared device at your home, ensure the student knows how to log into their own Chrome window by Adding a Person to Chrome. This process can be repeated for each child/student in your household. This will make logging into district programs, which requires the student's Google account, easier.

Teachers are asked to connect with their students and families. Some teachers may hold "Office Hours" which will provide opportunities for students and parents to communicate with teachers through a virtual meeting platform called Zoom. Zoom allows the teacher to meet virtually in an online environment with students and parents. Zoom sessions may be recorded so they can be shared at a later time.

If logging into google classroom here's a link to help students/parents login. This is specifically for NMUSD students but should work the same way for other districts as well.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h7qDkDojz2ygudjjoVIj9rwlA0WFIkdb46avn7U8aGM/edit>

Some schools are providing packets for students to pick up and return to the school when completed. You will need to contact your child's teacher or school office to see if this is available.

***This information is specific to NMUSD:** We would like to inform you that we created a student and family support line, 714-424-5050, to provide information and support to families while schools are physically closed.

Tips for Parents

1. Manage your expectations
2. Set up a study space, including the technology required
3. Be prepared for technical issues that may come up
4. Review Google Classroom with your child daily
5. Define expectations
6. Agree on incentives and consequences for completed/noncompleted work
7. Reinforce that online class are as important as traditional, face-to-face class
8. See that your child establishes a routine for working on his/her virtual courses daily
9. Help your child maintain a regular study schedule
10. Don't forget to take breaks throughout the day

Q&A

Q: How do I know what assignments my child has to work on every day?

A: [Contact your child's teacher to see what the requirements are for the day. Teachers are having daily zoom meetings with students for instruction.](#)

Q: Who at the school can I reach out to if I do not know how to download my child's required distance learning apps?

A: [You can reach out to your child's teacher for support.](#)

Q: My child has an IEP. Will his/her assignments still be modified?

A: [The schools and teachers will follow the IEP and they will follow the accommodations in the IEP. You can refer to your child's IEP for their support accommodations and academic goals.](#)

Q: My child has an IEP. Will his/her special education teachers still be involved in the learning process (speech therapist, occupational therapist, etc.)?

A: [Each district is currently developing its plan. When the timeline for the IEP starts again, refer to your child's teacher or school district to determine how Special Education services will be received.](#)

Q: I do not have a printer to print my child's assignments. What should I do?

A: [You should contact your district office to ensure you have equitable access to the classroom materials and assignments. \(i.e. printing of large packets, Adobe Reader program provided by the district\)](#)

Q: I have more than 1 school-aged child. What will happen if I can't help them complete all of their assignments every day because everyone's schedule is so different?

A: [Refer to the teacher's lesson guide and communicate with the teacher to get additional support on how to modify the workload or how to use one lesson to teach using differentiation for each level to your children.](#)

Q: If my child is sick with the common cold and cannot complete distance learning for that day who do I notify?

A: [Contact the teacher to find out what the district policy is for attendance during distance learning.](#)

Q: Will my child still receive a report card at the end of the school year?

A: Yes. Refer to your district for specifics on grading and timeline of report cards.

Q: Is my child's teacher still going to conduct end of school year conferences?

A: Most districts do not conduct end of year conferences. However, you can contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Q: Who can I contact if my child needs a tutor?

A: If your child needs academic support, some teachers may offer additional office hours to assist in completing the distance learning assignments. You can also look into other resources such as Khan Academy to find videos to review concepts they are struggling with.



If you have any questions please contact us at 949.791.2718 or by email at jmarin@projecthopealliance.org.