

Dear Parents of Remote Learners,

As the first semester of school comes to a close, we wanted to take the opportunity to re-evaluate your decision regarding your child being a parent-choice remote learner. We have offered a remote solution for the first semester, but we know the best place for students to learn is on-site.

USD #115 is committed to providing a safe learning environment. We believe our procedures in place are mitigating the spread that occurs during the school day. We have no transmission of COVID-19 at school since the beginning of the school year.

The following changes below have been modified for our remote learners:

USD #115 Remote Learning Parent/Student Contract  
Effective January 1, 2021

USD 115 Remote Learning Protocols and Expectations:

- Students will be assessed on the same standards and competencies as onsite students
- Students must have a daily connection with the PCRL teacher (K-8).
- Remote learners will be ineligible for all extra-curricular activities that are not virtual, including athletics.
- Each student that opts for remote learning will meet with the teacher(s), building principal, and the Superintendent prior to the start of remote learning to review expectations and establish communication guidelines.
- Elementary students (K-5) must have a parent/guardian available to them for assistance during the entire duration of the school day.
- Remote learners must have solid and consistent internet access.
- Remote learners must maintain 90% attendance. If a student misses the check-in time, they will be counted absent.
- Students must be passing classes during remote learning. Grades are checked every Monday. Students must be performing at 65% in order to be considered passing.
- Staff input also will be considered regarding whether or not this student will be successful in a Remote Learning environment based on school performance.
- Students must complete learning activities/homework on a timely basis; if a student repeatedly shows up on missing assignment lists ran through the school, he/she will not be eligible.

If any of the above criteria are not met, it nullifies this contract and the student is expected to return to on-site learning. Administration will monitor the students ability to meet the criteria mentioned above on a weekly basis.

The meeting with the administration will center around the following questions:

1. Can you explain your “why” for remote learning?

2. Have you considered the academic/social emotional benefits and consequences of on-site vs. remote learning?
3. Have you spoken to your child and what are their feelings about remote learning?
4. Is it your intent to reintegrate your child to on-site learning in the future?
5. What access do you have to the internet/devices?
6. What steps has/will your family take outside of school to mitigate their chances of contracting COVID?
7. Will there be a parent/guardian at home to help support the student? Elementary students are required to have a parent or guardian at home with them to be eligible for remote learning.

A meeting will be set up with all parents of remote learners prior to December 23rd to discuss the information. Please contact Darrel Kohlman in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns.