Newkirk Middle School

Distance Learning Plan

OVERVIEW

1. To provide answers and expectations during our time of virtual learning.

2. The hope is to maintain academic rigor while providing a sense of stability to our students and their families.

EXPECTATIONS

 1. Have work ready for students at 9:00 am every day. Daily virtual office hours (1 hour per day) will be established for each teacher to be available to help facilitate learning and answer questions. You can use email, chat, zoom, or google meet.

2. Have work prepared for any student needing a hard copy or “packet instruction” bi-weekly. We will have scheduled pick-up times.

3. Contact students at least two times per week. This is where teachers can communicate who is not responding, have each teacher responsible for their homeroom

4. Make sure we can support what we assign. Stress levels may be at an all- time high in homes and be very conscientious about our approach. Challenge kids, not parents.

5. MS students with a device and internet at home will receive their assignments virtually through Google Classroom. A daily assignments will be posted in Google Classroom by 9:00 am each day with the expectation each week's work is due by the following Monday at 9:00am.

 6. MS students without the ability to participate in virtual learning due a lack of device and/or internet will have a packet, including 2 weeks of assignments. Each student without a device is encouraged to contact Karen Focke at the HS to check out a chrome book. We have installed external Wi-Fi at the Middle School and the High School. Students and parents can park in our parking lots and log in to this.

7. Work done virtually will be submitted online. The expectation is for each week’s work to be submitted by the following Monday at 8am, work can be submitted earlier.

8. Students completing paper packets will return their work bi-weekly at the drop off box located outside the Middle School Building. Completed packets may be returned Monday through Friday 8am - 12:00pm. Make sure your child’s name, grade, and teacher are clearly marked on each assignment. (We will be honoring CDC guidelines for this; students are not to gather in groups outside the building.)