



Pine River Area Schools

17445 Pine River Rd. - LeRoy MI, 49655

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Dear Pine River Families,

As we embark on a new journey of distance learning, please remember we are all in this together, and our ultimate goal is to work together and do what is best for our Pine River students and families. Although this is not easy for anyone, it is comforting to know we are in a great community which comes together in these times of uncertainty.

Our plans are being developed with the understanding that each student and household has varying learning needs. We also know that the time available to spend on traditional academic tasks will be different for each family. Below is a recommendation on the length of time for students to spend on work sent home.

Grade Level	Minimum	Maximum	Recommended Length of Sustained Attention
PreK	20 minutes/day	60 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
K	30 minutes/ day	90 minutes/day	3-5 minutes
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day	5-10 minutes
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes/day	10-15 minutes
6-8	Class: 15 minutes/day Total: 90 minutes/day	Class: 30 minutes/day Total: 180 minutes/day	1 subject area or class
9-12	Class: 20 minutes/day Total: 120 minutes/day	Class: 45 minutes/day Total: 270 minutes/day	1 subject area or class

**This is to serve as a guide. We recognize each student has different learning needs and stamina. Families with concerns are encouraged to speak with a teaching staff to help adjust the time based on the student's unique needs.*

Per Governor Whitmer's guidance, our instructional plan is set to begin the week of April 20th. Instruction will be provided in several different ways, as outlined here:

Remote Learning Opportunities-

- K-7 students will receive a workbook that contains both Math and ELA activities at grade level.
- Suggested Enrichment Activities for Science, Social Studies, Music, Art, and Physical Education.
- 8-11 will supply the various content area packets/workbooks to students.
- Seniors and their families will continue to be contacted by the high school office.



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- On the Pine River Webpage, there will be a link that will direct you to an enrichment site. This site was created to make resources condensed into one, easily accessible space for your family.

Some frequently asked questions have been asked of staff which are answered below.

How will my child access their lockers and personal belongings in classrooms?
A plan is currently being developed and you will be notified via our automated messaging system and our school website/app. We appreciate your patience.

When can my student anticipate the learning packets?
Our plan is to distribute instructional resources beginning the week of April 20th. We will notify you via our automated messaging system and our school website/app.

How will work/progress be monitored?
Teachers and staff will reach out to students and families per our state approved plan. This may come across on your phone as a non-school number, unknown caller, and/or a private number. Each building will have posted office hours.

How will you address various cancelled events such as graduation, kindergarten roundup, etc.?
Our district is working hard to find reschedule dates and be creative while following the Governor's executive orders. We will continue to update you as we do our best to work within our ever changing circumstances.

We would like to leave you with a few ending thoughts: First, don't worry about your child regressing. We're all doing the best we can. Every single child is in the same situation academically and they will be okay. When we return to school, we will meet them where they are. Take time to do non-academic things, as each interaction and activity is a learning opportunity.

In the end of all of this, your child's mental health is more important than academics. How they felt during this time will stick with them longer than any academic lesson could. Keep this in mind every single day. Do the best you can. As a staff, we will continue to reach out to each family and if you didn't know this already, please reach out to us. Love your kids, let them know they are safe, and give yourself grace as we embark on this journey.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected,

Your Pine River Area Principals

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