



SSD LEARNING OPTIONS

FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We are excited to share additional information about the two learning options available to all students enrolled in the Sheridan School District! The information below provides an overview of each option and is intended to help you and your student make the best selection for them as well as your family.

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BLENDDED (ONSITE) LEARNING

Most like the traditional school experience

SSD VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Online Option

Teachers

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Location

- Onsite on their assigned campus

Location

- Online students remain a part of their assigned campus but participate virtually

Classroom Experience

- Students will use Canvas Learning Management System to engage in digital content designed to enhance their learning.
- Teachers will provide in-person instruction daily
- Teachers follow the District curriculum which is aligned with the digital content provided to the students in the SSD Virtual Academy
- Teachers will check grades and progress regularly and communicate with students and parents
- Students will transition to virtual learning as required by the Sheridan School District (SSD), AR Department of Health (ADH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)
- Efforts will be made to limit social interaction and mitigate health risks, including classroom arrangement and minimizing transitions

Classroom Experience

- Students will use Canvas Learning Management System to engage in digital content designed to enhance their learning.
- Teachers will ensure that instructional activities are provided for students daily
- Teachers follow the District curriculum through virtual lessons
- Teachers will check grades and progress regularly and communicate with students and parents
- Small group sessions led by the teacher will support student learning
- Students will be assigned to teachers from their assigned campus when possible

Student Expectations

- Attend school daily
- Follow social distancing guidelines
- Participate in blended learning using Canvas Learning Management System
- Complete formative and summative assessments
- Transition to virtual learning when required by the Sheridan School District (SSD), AR Department of Health (ADH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)
- Wear a face-covering or mask covering the nose and mouth
- Make efforts to limit social interaction as required by ADH directives

Student Expectations

- Engage appropriately in learning
- Demonstrate satisfactory progress in meeting learning goals
- Utilize the internet with a device
- Access digital content and assignments through Canvas Learning Management System
- Complete online formative and summative assessments
- Complete all assignments and assessments by due dates
- Students will have some flexibility to work at their own pace within specific parameters to ensure they stay on track to complete all assignments by the end of the semester

Parent Expectations

- Communicate with teachers
- Monitor student progress toward learning goals
- Ensure daily attendance unless student is ill or under quarantine

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- Communicate with teachers
- Attend a virtual orientation
- Monitor student progress toward learning goals
- Ensure student participation in online learning activities and assignments
- Create a learning space for the student and ensure the student has Wi-Fi access

Curriculum

- Curriculum will be provided by SSD teachers and will be aligned with the curriculum provided to the SSD Virtual Academy students
- Teachers will integrate technology and digital lessons into the onsite school day to prepare students for the possibility of transitioning to virtual learning
- Core content areas
- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- Elective courses
- Onsite Arkansas Athletic Association (AAA) activities
- ASU Three Rivers (formerly known as COTO)

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- Curriculum will be provided by SSD teachers and will be aligned to onsite learning
- Core content areas
- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- Virtual elective courses
- Virtual students will have the opportunity to attend certain onsite elective course that are not offered virtually. This includes courses from ASU Three Rivers (formerly known as COTO)
- Virtual students will have the opportunity to attend onsite Arkansas Athletic Association (AAA) activities

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Health

- All staff and students (Pre K - 12th grade) will wear a face covering or mask covering the nose and mouth
- Frequent sanitation of surfaces and buildings
- Social distancing as feasible
- Students and staff stay home when not feeling well and/or have been exposed to COVID-19
- ADH guidelines will be followed for students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 (see ADH [Communication Flow Chart](#))
- Contact tracing will be conducted by ADH
- Water fountains will not be in use. Students should bring water bottles that can be filled at filling stations.

Health

- Wear a face covering or mask covering the nose and mouth when on campus
- ADH guidelines will be followed for students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 (refer to the ADH [Communication Flow Chart](#))
- Contact tracing will be conducted by ADH

Technology Expectations

- Chromebook with camera and microphone (available through the school district) for use in the classroom or when students transition to virtual instruction
- Home Wi-Fi Internet connection, if possible

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- Home Wi-Fi Internet connection or other internet option

Bus Transportation

- Bus transportation provided
- Students will wear a face-covering or mask covering the nose and mouth
- Students will have assigned seats and spaced out as much as feasible
- Families may want to use another form of transportation, as social distancing will be most difficult to achieve on the school bus

Bus Transportation

- No bus transportation provided

Food Services

- Breakfast will be served in classrooms
- Modified lunch schedules menu options may be reduced
- Physical spacing, where reasonable, will be organized on each campus

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- Parents may place an order to pick up breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday at a designated location

Student Support

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