

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this information as a parent/guardian of student(s) enrolled in the Parent Choice Remote (PCR) option of learning for the 2020-21 school year. It is our intent that PCR Learning approximates the student learning experience taking place in the On-Site classroom.

For the 2020-21 school year only, a PCR Learning student is defined as a student regularly enrolled in the school district he or she would normally have attended On-Site, but the student is attending remotely (because of concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic). PCR learners are expected to 'attend' each day for at least 6 hours (to include specials and recess time) each day that USD 489 school is in session. The curriculum and instruction will be prepared, provided and/or monitored by local teachers and staff in USD 489.

The assurances listed below will be fulfilled by USD 489 for the 2020-21 PCR Learning experience of our students.

1. Curriculum and Instruction will align/coincide with what is taking place in the On-Site classroom. This will ensure that when a PCR Learning student returns to the On-Site classroom that he or she is able to make a seamless transition. In addition, PCR Learning students will be assessed on the same standards and competencies as the On-Site students using each and all progress, academic and social-emotional monitoring assessments as On-Site students.
2. Parent Choice Remote(PCR) Learners will have at least one meaningful Daily Connection with a USD 489 teacher. Such connections can be through telephone and/or interactive video conferencing. In addition, PCR Learning students will have ready access to district-assigned grade level remote teachers throughout each week and student questions will be answered within 24 hours during school days, preferably the same school day if possible.

Assigned teachers: K-1 Jody Dinkel jdinkel@usd489.com

Jenny Prine jprine@usd489.com

2-3 Anna Schonthaler aschonthaler@usd489.com

4-5 Sonya Herl sherl@usd489.com

3. The PCR Learner's Academic Progress will be monitored daily by the previously listed USD 489 remote teachers assigned to ensure that when the student is able to return to the On-Site classroom that he or she is able to make a seamless transition.
4. Each PCR Learner will have a Daily Activity Log that must be completed by the student and student's parent/ guardian. This Daily Activity Log will be made available to USD 489 assigned remote teachers to assist with monitoring student's Academic Progress.

LEARNING RESOURCES:

A school-issued device will be made available to the PCR learners. Pickup of device and learning materials for the first two weeks will be Tuesday, August 25th at each student's home school from 1-4 pm or by appointment.

MEALS:

Students who participate in the Parent Choice Remote option will have the opportunity to receive breakfast and lunch from school. All meals will be distributed via drive-up service and *charged to the child's lunch account based on their free/reduced/paid status.*

There will be a link on the 2020-21 School Year - Parent Resources of the district website, <https://www.usd489.com/>, to sign up for meals each week. A new link will be posted by Thursday afternoons, and will be due by 8:00am on Monday morning. Students can sign up to receive breakfast, or lunch, or both for any days of the week that school is in session. Students do not have to be present in the vehicle to pick up meals. Parents can do so for them.

Meal pick-up for all parent choice remote students will be at Hays High School, East parking lot from 11:15 to 11:30am. Families who may qualify are encouraged to apply for free or reduced price meals at www.ezmealapp.com. Questions regarding meals for remote students, meal modifications due to allergies, or lunch accounts can be addressed to Jessica Younker, jyounker@usd489.com, or 785-623-2400.

Your partners in education,

USD 489 Elementary Principals