

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Cougar Families,

Well here we are ready to start the 2020 -2021 school year in a fashion that nobody ever thought possible. While we know that circumstances around the start of school this year are not ideal for anyone, the commitment we have to support and help the families and students of Echo School District receive a meaningful education is unchanged. We understand that every family has different situations they are dealing with as they move forward with school and we will do our very best to help each family navigate online learning. As you read through this information please develop your questions and concerns. We are more than happy to address and work through them with you. Each section below will outline information regarding our online learning process and schedule. This is a work in progress and subject to change, as you have seen throughout the summer. Information changes often and we will continue to stay on top of how those changes impact learning.

Back to School Nights and Computer Checkout

Echo School District will hold two days for students and parents to come in, meet your teachers, pick up computers, and learning materials.

- Tuesday, August 25 from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday, August 26 from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

6th – 12th grade students and families will come into the commons area to get all their supplies and talk with teachers. While all elementary students and families will enter assigned rooms through outside doors. We will post a map with entry points on the website and Facebook. There will also be staff members outside the building during this to help direct you to the correct location. All persons attending the back to school time **MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING.**

Student Daily Schedules

- Kinder – 5th Grade – Teachers have been reaching out to families with students in these grades to communicate daily learning schedules. Final daily schedules will be available by the end of this week.
- 6th – 12th Grade – A daily learning schedule has been finalized for these students. That schedule is posted on the Echo School District website and Facebook page. It will also be available during back to school times.

We know that these are not a one size fits all schedule however we are required to provide a minimum amount of daily face to face instruction for all students. We have tried to develop

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schedules that will help with consistent transitions as we move from online learning to limited onsite instruction to full onsite instruction. If you have concerns about how to make this schedule work for you and your students reach out to either the teacher or the administration and we will work together to make this work.

Breakfast & Lunch Program

Echo School District will have breakfast and lunch available for students. As of right now, the meal program will run as it does during regular school time in respect to free, reduced, or full payment. Students who wish to participate and receive meals can simply show up to pick up meals. Exact times for meal service will be posted next week. If you live out of town and would like to participate in the meal program please notify the school and we will work to arrange for meal delivery.

School & Class Fees

We will be waiving any school and class fees (towel, CTE, ASB card) until a return to full onsite instruction occurs.

Attendance & Grading

Attendance and grading will occur as if it were a normal school day and school year. Students will be required to be online with teachers during assigned times, unless otherwise arranged and/or excused through communication with the school district. Teachers will be giving daily engagement points to students. For middle and high school students, all assignments for the week are due by Friday at 6:00pm, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Staff members will be responsible for updating grades on a weekly basis.

Internet Connection/Learning Materials

We know that this situation put families and students in a difficult position, but we stand ready to support and help.

- Internet Access/Connection – If you have no or weak internet access please let us know ASAP and we will work out a solution with you.
- Learning Materials – If you do not have access to items need for a specific class or situation please let the school office or teacher know and we will get you needed materials.

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Student and Family Supports

Student & Family Support – We will be providing upfront trainings for student and parents around the teaching platforms being used. Trainings will be provided in using Zoom, Google Meets, and Google Classroom to name a few. These trainings will be posted on our district website so that they can be accessed at any time. Additional supports provided will be:

- Access to a real person for questions and or assistance either in person or by phone in the office daily from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm.
- Access to computer and internet technology support by phone (provided by Intermountain ESD). That Number is 1-888-223-9593 and is open during regular business hours.
- Once weekly live evening questions and answer time with teachers. Each staff member will schedule and post what evening and time they will be available. During this 30 minute time they will review what occurred during the past week, preview what students will be doing over the next week, provided insight into what students should be doing and answer questions you might have.
- Middle/High School class schedule will be posted with weekly assignments and student expectations listed, similar to what we had at the end of last year. This is a one stop shop where you can go and get information about all your student's classes. This will be linked on the district website.
- Possibility of meal and/or learning materials delivered to your home. Request more information if you are in need of this service.