



G.T. Norman Elementary Schools

Every Student, Every Day... Commit, Succeed, and Lead

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Dear Coyote Families,

This letter is to inform the families who chose the Learn From Home option what to expect. We know there are many questions, and we hope to answer as many of those as possible.

Students will be able to pick up their chromebooks Wednesday, August 26 through Thursday, August 27 from the elementary office between 8 am - 2 pm.

Students will be taught the Michigan Academic State Standards virtually by one of our virtual teachers using Google Classroom. If a student decides to return to in-person learning, it will be a smoother transition than if they were taking courses through another learning management system.

Unlike our spring distance learning plan, the 2020-2021 learn from home option requires students to complete all work and assessments assigned as all work will count toward the end of marking period grades. It is imperative students stay on task with their work.

Students will be required to Google Meet (virtual meeting similar to Zoom). For attendance purposes, students will be required to have two-way communication with their teacher while the lesson is in progress.

Below are Student Expectations for Virtual Learning:

- Virtual students will begin online learning starting Monday, August 31, 2020.
- Requires internet access.
- Students will work from home five days per week for online instruction with their virtual teacher.
- Students will have daily contact with their virtual teacher for whole group instruction.
- Individual and small group instruction will also take place remotely.
- Students will continue to be assigned a classroom teacher at their regular school in order to stay connected, access resources, access social/emotional support, special activities, and to receive school communication.
- All students will access Google Classroom and Google Meet through their Single Sign On.
- Assignments can be uploaded to Google Classroom.

- Google sessions can be recorded and played back for students at any time through a link in Google Classroom.
- We will continue to use the district-adopted curriculum to teach remotely.
- We will continue to follow the district-adopted curriculum map in order to make sure that all grade level standards are taught.
- Students need to participate daily with their teacher via Google Meet .
- If students are ill or not participating, the parent or guardian shall call the school office and follow attendance procedures.
- Virtual teachers will be reaching out to provide more detailed information.

If Virtual students require additional help, they should contact their teacher to set up a time. Teachers will be able to set up a time within 48 hours to assist with additional instruction.

It is imperative that the Virtual students stay in constant communication with their teachers to ensure success in this new form of education. Virtual teachers will communicate with parents and students the best way to maintain an open communication. Staff can be communicated with between the hours of 8 am - 3 pm, with the understanding that it may take up to 24 hours to respond (teachers are also teaching in-person, coaching, performing other school responsibilities and may not be available for an immediate response).

Because this is brand new territory for all of us, we are expecting there will be glitches along the way. We ask that you are patient as we navigate. Please know and understand that we will be working hard behind the scenes to make this as smooth as possible. We look forward to working with you as we all tackle this challenge.

Thank you,

DeAnna Goodman
Principal

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