

September 4, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the Sanford School Department 6-8 Online Learning Cohort. Our school district has partnered with a fully accredited virtual curriculum provider, Edmentum's Courseware, for our grade 6 - 8 students. We are excited about the benefits this program can bring to our students and we are glad that you have taken advantage of the opportunity.

We have certified Sanford school teachers who will be meeting with your student twice a week to check in, to see how they are doing and to give them a chance to interact with other students in their grade. We want to make sure our remote learners still feel a connection to their peers and the adults in their schools. The teachers will also be responsible for grading written assessments and for updating attendance and grades in IC. *It is important to remember that **you** are your child's direct instruction teacher while they are accessing this online program.*

If you have not already heard, please reach out to your students' school for information about picking up their school issued technology,

- Middle School 324-3114

If your student receives IEP support, the Special Education department will be reaching out to schedule a meeting in the first weeks of school to review the plan

For those who are interested, we will have food distribution available at Lafayette School starting September 14. Monday thru Friday from 11:30am - 12:00pm, students will be able to pick up lunch for that day and breakfast for the following morning.

Student photos for fully remote students will be made available. We are currently working with the district photographer for a place and time and will forward that information to you as soon as it is finalized.

We look forward to working with you and your student. Next week we will be sharing login information to get ready to begin learning on September 14th. If you have any questions about your online experience, please email: onlinelearning@sanford.org

I encourage you to watch the twenty-five minute introductory video that can be accessed through the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/yx8z52fw>

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