

## Choctaw County School District's Distance Learning Plan

### Choctaw County School Full-Time Distance Learning Program: Description and Considerations

In order to give flexibility to families during the 2020-2021 school year, school officials are offering students the option of participating in the Choctaw County Schools Virtual Instructional Program.

Students in the Virtual Instructional Program will still be enrolled at their regular school, but they will participate in virtual learning and complete their assignments at home. Teachers will assist students with weekly assignments and logging in/proctoring assessments.

If you are thinking about applying for distance learning, please look over the items below to see if virtual is the best option for your child:

- Online/digital learning will be the primary method of working towards competency in a grade level and/or content area. Students will use the district approved online learning management system, Grade Results, along with Google Classroom.
- Distance learning students will follow the academic calendar approved by the school board. Classes will start on the first student day in August 2020 and end on the last student day in the spring of 2021.
- Best practices for distance learning will be employed to include rigorous instruction, high expectations of student performance, and meeting all grade level standards.
- Distance learning students must be committed to online learning. While distance learning is an option for unique situations, distance learning does not serve as an equitable alternative to the traditional classroom.
- Attendance will be taken in accordance with the Mississippi Department of Education's attendance guidelines regarding distance learning.
- Some elective courses and opportunities may not be offered to full-time distance learning students. For example, extracurricular activities such as athletics and fine arts will not be available because full-time distance learning students will be working off-campus.
- All Choctaw County grading policies and procedures will apply during distance learning.
- A unique partnership must be established between all educators, students, parents and caregivers. It is imperative that all parties communicate to pay close attention to the development of each child and ensure that appropriate grade level growth takes place.
- Approved applications will be in effect on a semester-by-semester basis. There will be an opportunity to transfer from full-time virtual learning to the school/traditional classroom setting at any time. Students wishing to go from traditional to virtual may do so only once per semester with approval from administrators.
- Expressing intent to participate constitutes a commitment to virtual learning and acknowledgement to all the statements in this document, the Choctaw County Distance Learning Description and Considerations.
- Universal screener and state assessments are required by the Mississippi Department of Education and/or state law. Benchmark assessments and other assessments due to the student's classes or grade may also be necessary. At this point in time, students in a distance learning environment may be required to participate in any or all of these assessments. Distance learners will be required to come to the school at the appointed day and time to take assessments at the school setting.