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Oglala Lakota County School District **Distance Learning** **2020-2021**

The Oglala Lakota County Schools of Batesland, Red Shirt, Rockyford, Wolf Creek, Lakota Tech, and the Virtual High School welcome all students to our learning community.

Our distance learning plan is designed to continue instruction through the use of technology and paper packets when needed to help students continue learning grade-level skills and standards in a supportive, nurturing, Lakota environment.

Teachers in each school will be reaching out to students and families to make connections and develop relationships in order to help students be successful in their courses and classes. Teachers will host virtual zoom and meet sessions during the 8:00 to 4:00 day as scheduled and all students are encouraged to participate in the virtual classroom sessions. In the event, a student is unable to attend, the recording will be posted for viewing at a later time. Students are to submit assignments in a timely manner or communicate with the teacher on the timeline for submissions.

OLCSD realizes that distance learning is not always an 8:00 to 4:00 experience and will work with students and families on the submission of assignments. If the teacher is not able to contact the student or family, the Principal's office will reach out to help resolve any issues to get the students regularly participating and completing assignments.

The teacher, paraprofessional, and Principal office staff will strive to make phone calls, emails, and zoom sessions with students and families to support our students learning process to be as successful as possible.

As the parent of a child in our distance learning environment, we ask that you monitor your child's progress and communicate with the teacher when your child will be absent from a session or sessions. The teacher will work with families to ensure that all students are participating in the best possible way.

Teachers will take attendance based on student presence in the zoom or meet sessions, by the submission of assignments, and/or contact from the student. If the student is not attending sessions or submitting assignments, the student will be counted absent and the parent contacted so the student can resume instruction.

Distance learning is a new approach to learning that OLCSD is taking to help parents provide opportunities for their child to enhance their Lakota learning while also working on state standards and course requirements. To reach the goal of a successful year for all, the staff at OLCSD encourages all families to be actively involved in their child's education by reaching out to the teachers using our Distance Learning pages, by attending zoom and meet sessions, and by asking questions and offering ideas to improve our delivery. As we all grow in learning this year, we will grow as One Team, One Family.

Please, check out www.olcsd.com our District website. From the website, families will be able to find contact information for the schools and teachers. Take some time and check out all that OLCSD has to offer.

We are happy you are here and we look forward to a great year of learning and relationship building!

Respectfully,

Dr. Anthony Fairbanks, Oglala Lakota County School District Superintendent

- Connie Kaltenbach, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Mary Jo Fairhead, Batesland Principal
- Brian O'Connor, Red Shirt Principal
- Dr. Jennifer Sierra, Rockyford Principal
- Ray Rothe, Rockyford Principal
- Darrell Eagle Bull, Wolf Creek Principal
- Melissa Iron Cloud, Wolf Creek Assistant Principal
- Alicia Stolley, Wolf Creek Assistant Principal
- Melvin Sierra, Virtual High School Principal
- Stephanie Eisenmenger, Lakota Tech High School Principal