



Antioch School District 34 Remote Learning Update

Remote Learning start tomorrow, Monday, March 30, 2020

"School is not a building - it's a collection of experiences." (source unknown)

We hope this communication finds you and your family doing well and staying safe. If you are in need of any assistance, please reach out to us. Similar to the communication received earlier this week, we intend to send out a "Family Check-In" form, weekly, and we will continue to send our "Food Distribution" form, as well. It is our goal first and foremost, to ensure our students and families are safe, healthy, and have access to lines of communication between their homes and District 34.

As encouraged by the Governor and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), this communication is aimed at providing important information about and guidelines around our Remote Learning plan, set to be implemented this Monday, March 30, 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. While this plan is targeted toward providing educational opportunities to our students while they are away from our buildings, we remain concerned about and vested in the collective health and wellness of our families during this uncertain and difficult time. If you are in need, we are here for you.

ISBE continues to provide guidance at the site: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>.

All content of this communication is subject to change pending any new information from ISBE.

Remote Learning

The goal of Remote Learning is to maintain the continuity of instruction and learning when school is not in session. Remote Learning is meant to be self-paced. Families can complete Remote Learning activities at a time of day or night that works best. Per current ISBE guidelines, teachers have planned "age appropriate" Remote Learning activities that are meaningful, flexible, valuable, and manageable; however, please keep in mind some children may take more or less time and different age groups will have different expectations. We understand that every situation is different.

Whatever families can do to follow the Remote Learning expectations will be beneficial, it will positively impact your child(ren), and most importantly, it will be enough. Teachers and administrators will be here every step of the way to answer questions, provide guidance, and lend support. It is important to remember that no matter what, your child(ren) will be okay academically. We will weather this storm; we always do.

Teacher Accessibility

Each teacher shall be accessible via their school email and/or another district-supported platform identified by the teacher (e.g., Google Classroom, Seesaw, Otus) throughout the hours of the regularly scheduled school day and respond in a timely manner.

Daily Remote Learning Plans



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District 34 staff will be sharing lessons and assignments in alignment with current pacing, standards, curricular resource tools and related services. These days are considered school days for students. District 34 staff will post daily assignments on their websites by 9:00 a.m. under the Remote Learning tab. Assignments may also be issued via various district-supported platforms identified by the teacher (e.g., Google Classroom, Seesaw, Otus).

Attendance

Each day, we ask that parents complete a google attendance form that will be sent via email from each school. This form will be used to confirm your child(ren)'s participation in Remote Learning Days. Attendance will automatically be recorded using the date and time the form is submitted. Please fill out 1 form for EACH child in your family. **PLEASE SUBMIT EACH CHILD'S ATTENDANCE BY 12:00 PM EACH SCHOOL DAY.**

Reporting an Absence

In order to continue tracking the rate of illness within the community and keep our Health Department informed, we are asking for your assistance in this matter. District 34 is requesting that you continue to call the Absence Hotline (847-838-8181) and report student illnesses, should they arise.

Personal information is not shared with anyone outside of the school; only the type of illnesses and number of cases. This is something that is a standard public health procedure that is completed throughout the school year. If you suspect that someone in your family has been exposed to or may have COVID-19, we ask you to email the building principal directly, as well as report it on the attendance hotline.

As with a normal sick day, students should make up the Remote Learning assignments and activities when they are well enough to do so.

Grading

Student work completed during the mandated statewide school closure must not negatively impact a student's grades or academic standing. As we do not yet know the full extent of the closure and want to minimize any negative effects on students, schools may allow student work to count during the closure ONLY to increase a student's academic standing. The focus will be on learning rather than earning.

Video Conferencing

If a teacher chooses to video conference with students, they must use Google Meet/Hangouts. Students will use the Google Meet/Hangout app on their district-issued device.

Need Wi-Fi?

- [ISBE Continuing Education Resources \(#keeplearning\)](#) --see Free Internet Access Resources

District 34 COVID-19 Webpage

Updated communication related to D34 can be found by visiting [District 34 COVID-19 information](#).

Here are some tips to help you approach Remote Learning at home:



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- Talk to your child about what he or she is working on and learning.
- If possible, review the assignments with your child.
- Check your email regularly for updates from the school/teacher.
- As much as possible, try to establish a daily routine, including predictable structures.
- Include breaks within your child's daily Remote Learning schedule. They need lots of time away from screens, where they can use their imaginations and engage in self-directed activities.