REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURES OF DPS SCHOOLS
Every single one of our students thrives — not by accident, but by design. Our students graduate ready for college and career because our schools are joyful places that create excellence for all, especially for our students of color. Our children experience both meaningful rigor and support from teachers, support providers and leaders. Students, families and staff work together to build vibrant school cultures designed to ensure our community thrives.
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Content based on [Palm Beach County School District Instructional Continuity Support Plan](#) and modified for Denver Public Schools’ use.
In response to the COVID-19 global health crisis, Denver Public Schools has developed this remote learning plan so our students can continue learning while our school buildings are closed. This plan represents DPS’ commitment to making every effort to ensure the learning of each and every Denver student continues to be successful.

This plan is founded on the following principles: **(1) supporting continuous instruction, (2) providing access for all students, and (3) maintaining connectedness to the community.**

Throughout school closures, DPS teachers will continue to provide students with instruction that is designed to build upon the learning trajectory already established in the classroom. They will do so using one of the three remote learning options identified in this plan:

1. **District-Provided Instructional Materials with Teacher Support**
2. **Teacher-Led Hybrid Instruction**
3. **Teacher-Led Full Digital Instruction**

We are working closely with our charter schools, and charter schools are building remote learning plans from similar options. Charter schools will have full access to District-provided instructional materials as well. We’re in this together.
The Remote Learning Plan
Leverages distance learning to foster sustained student growth by:

**SUPPORTING CONTINUOUS INSTRUCTION**

The District will continue to support instruction through a variety of digital and non-digital materials and instructional activities to maintain academic growth while schools are closed due to emergency.

**PROVIDING ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Denver Public Schools is committed to providing device and internet access to all students K-12. We are working closely with community partners to meet this goal.

**MAINTAINING CONNECTEDNESS TO THE COMMUNITY**

The District has facilitated partnerships with local internet service providers to secure additional Internet access and/or increased bandwidth to students in our community while schools are closed.
**OPTION 1**

**District-Provided Instructional Materials with Teacher Support**

- Digital instructional materials are provided by the district for students to access independently.
- Students access instruction directly from district-provided materials (e.g., district lessons, Edgenuity).
- Teachers offer online office hours and/or telephone feedback for students.

**RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS OR TEACHERS**

Schools and teachers with *less proficiency* in delivering instruction through a remote environment.
Options for Remote Learning

OPTION 2

Teacher-Led Hybrid Instruction

• A model of instruction that can occur at any time – kids independently self-pace their learning once teachers share the resources.

• Teachers curate and provide materials digitally (e.g., videos, assignments from district materials or supplemental materials) which students work on independently and submit.

• Student communication through Google Classroom, other digital platforms, and/or by phone.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS OR TEACHERS

Schools and teachers with some proficiency in delivering instruction through a remote environment.
OPTION 3
Teacher-Led Full Digital Instruction

- Full digital instruction.
- Teachers design the sequence of learning based on where they left off and what their students are working on.
- Resources housed in Schoology and/or Google Classroom (e.g., videos, live instruction).
- Student communication through Google Classroom, other digital platforms, and/or phone.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS OR TEACHERS

MyTech Schools, 1:1 Schools, and teachers with proficiency in an online environment
Supporting Remote Learning

Best Practices for Remote Learning

General Guidance

- **PRIMARY GOAL**: Provide students with opportunities to continue their trajectory of learning (e.g., scope and sequence; ELD/TNLI models). This should consist of providing students with access to content, support, and feedback.

- **ESTABLISH STRUCTURE**: Begin by orienting students and families to the new environment and creating structure with a focus on maintaining human interaction.

- **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**: Maintain a focus on continuous improvement. Practices should evolve and improve as we continue to learn.

- **SUPPORTING TEACHERS**: School leaders should work to ensure all teachers have the resources, support, and flexibility needed to promote student learning to the best of their ability. Support should include adjusting expectations based on the mental and physical health of our staff and their families.

- **SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**: Teachers should be flexible regarding expectations and processes for student learning, with an understanding that online learning conditions will vary across students.

Special Education Guidance

- According to Federal guidance from the Office of Special Education and the Office for Civil Rights, if a district closes its schools to slow or stop the spread of COVID-19, and continues to provide educational opportunities to general education student populations, the schools must ensure that students with disabilities also have equal access to the same opportunities. Included in this requirement, schools must implement the IEP of a student with a disability to the greatest extent possible. This means every attempt possible has been tried and documented to ensure equitable access for students with a disability.

- DPS is committed to Equity, and this includes services and programs for students with disabilities. Special Education departments nationally and locally recognize that this will be challenging in certain circumstances and that compensatory services may be necessary to ensure equity for all students. Health and safety is the No. 1 concern. *Separate guidance document forthcoming.*
## Supporting Remote Learning

### Digital Resources for Core Subject Areas

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*Teacher and student-facing materials are available digitally. Books/texts are not.

**High School Biology is the only course available in Spanish.
Roles in Supporting Remote Learning

Students

STUDENTS WILL PREPARE FOR REMOTE LEARNING BY:

✓ Engaging in remote learning activities being offered by their teachers, school and/or the District.

✓ Ensuring that they know the usernames and passwords for instructional resources that are accessible via the district portal and/or website.

✓ Ensuring they set up a remote work space and calendar to manage their time.

Families

FAMILIES WILL PREPARE FOR REMOTE LEARNING BY:

✓ Assuring that a device and internet access are available at home (complete the school survey to indicate the need for a device and/or internet access for at-home use if needed).

✓ Ensuring that they are monitoring District communication for up-to-date information regarding school closures and instructional continuation plans.

✓ Encouraging their students’ participation in remote learning content.

✓ Reviewing the appropriate grade-level information linked within the District website.

✓ Ensuring that they know their students’ usernames and passwords for instructional resources that are accessible via the District portal and/or this website.
Supporting Remote Learning

Roles in Supporting Remote Learning

**Teachers**

**TEACHERS WILL PREPARE FOR REMOTE LEARNING BY:**

- ✔ Determining which remote learning option is best for them in collaboration with their leader.
- ✔ Providing instructional resources and materials through remote means such as Google Classroom and Google Meet.
- ✔ Reviewing district-supplied remote learning materials.
- ✔ Setting office hours to connect with students and support their learning remotely.
- ✔ Participating in group professional learning and attending virtual learning sessions intended to support remote learning.
- ✔ Ensuring that they are monitoring District communication for up-to-date information regarding school closures and remote learning plans.

**Leaders**

**LEADERS WILL PREPARE FOR REMOTE LEARNING BY:**

- ✔ Providing socio-emotional support and an overall positive remote school culture.
- ✔ Supporting teachers in determining which remote learning option is best for them.
- ✔ Supporting teachers to provide instructional resources and materials through remote means such as Google Classroom and Google Meet.
- ✔ Reviewing district-supplied remote learning materials.
- ✔ Setting office hours to connect with parents to support remote learning for students.
- ✔ Participating in leader professional learning and attending virtual learning sessions intended to support leading in a remote environment.
- ✔ Ensuring that they are monitoring District communication for up-to-date information regarding school closures and remote learning plans to then ensure communication systems are created and implemented for families.
Providing Access for All Students

**Distribution of Devices**

Our goal is to distribute as many devices as possible to students.

- All parents/families will receive a survey to determine the availability of devices and Internet access at home
- **Survey to be completed by March 24 at noon**

- If you are in need of a device, you will receive communication from your school
- Distribution will occur at school sites **March 25-27**
- Equipment must be returned to school once school resumes
Providing Access for All Students

Checklist for Parents and Families

Complete the tech survey
- If applicable, participate in Device Distribution March 25-27

Work with your school on expectations for:
- Device
- Home Internet (see options on next page)
- Remote Learning Plan and Available Resources
- Communicating with your child’s teacher

Access Parent Portal:
- DPS Parents can access the Parent Portal via the DPS homepage by clicking the Parent/Student Portal link at the bottom of the Families and Students Section.
- If you need to create an account, click “Create an Account”.
- Note: In order to create an account you will need your child’s lunch number/student ID number.
# Internet Access

## COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS
Two free months of internet
- Comcast is offering new Internet Essentials customers two free months of Internet service.

## XFINITY FREE WIFI
Free WiFi for everyone
- Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots and then launch a browser.

## DPS COVID-19 RESPONSE
- Check back on the DPS COVID-19 website for the most updated resources.
# What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is an online learning platform. Educators can post information for students to access. Educators can work with students in real time sharing course information, assignments, videos and more. The online tool is free for educators and students. Google Classroom is user friendly and provides options for remote learning.

**Accessing Classroom:** Enter classroom.google.com into your browser or through your Google Apps grid use the classroom link.

**Creating a Course:** Click the plus sign and choose create course. Create a Class Name and optional section, subject, and room number.
Appendix

Remote Learning Home Support Survey

ENGLISH

1. Parent First Name
Characters Remaining: 100

2. Parent Last Name
Characters Remaining: 100

SPANISH

1. Nombre del padre/madre
Caracteres restantes: 100

2. Apellido del padre/madre
Caracteres restantes: 100

ARABIC

1. اسم الأول لولي الأمر
الإملاء: 100

2. اسم الثاني لولي الأمر
الإملاء: 100

VIETNAMESE

1. Tên của Phụ huynh
Ký tự còn lại: 100

2. Họ của Phụ huynh
Ký tự còn lại: 100
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### Sample Schedule Breakdown

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| 6–12 STUDENTS                         |                                       |

All 6-12 students should continue their **normal courses** as they would in their schools. Schools will work with their staff and families to determine the best way to engage in remote learning while maintaining the trajectory of learning that was occurring in person.