

## **Parent Questions Regarding Distance Learning August, 2020**

- **What is Blackboard? How can I get to the school App?**
  - ❖ Blackboard is the company we use for contacting parents through the phone calls, email and App. To download the Salida Union School District App, go to your App store (Apple or Android), search for Salida Union School District and make sure you choose the App with our logo. Once downloaded, you will have access to information from our District, your school, Aeries, My Schoolbucks, etc.
- **Where can I find the school attendance calendar?**
  - ❖ The school attendance calendar is available on our website at [www.salida.k12.ca.us](http://www.salida.k12.ca.us)
- **How do we get to the Apps that the students need to access?**
  - ❖ When students log on to their Chromebook, they will have access to all applications they will be using.
- **When can students pick up their Chromebooks?**
  - ❖ TK, Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be contacted to make an appointment with their teacher through our “Meet the Teacher” application. At this meeting, parents will pick up their students Chromebooks, curriculum, and any other information your teacher will be distributing.
  - ❖ Elementary sites will be distributing Chromebooks and curriculum on August 12<sup>th</sup> via a drive through. Please contact your school sites for the times of distribution.
  - ❖ Salida Middle School will distribute Chromebooks on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> via a drive through in front of the school.
- **What will students be doing from August 12<sup>th</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup> when the live instruction begins?**
  - ❖ Students will be contacted by teachers/staff and participating in PE, Music, Counseling, Digital Citizenship, and iReady Diagnostics.
- **If my student is struggling, even with teacher help, how can I get my student extra help?**
  - ❖ Contact the teacher or site principal and we will set up extra small group instruction via Zoom.
- **Do I need to purchase school supplies?**
  - ❖ The teacher will obtain the classroom supplies and will arrange to send them home with the students.

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- **What is the District doing for students in Special Education and students with an IEP?**
  - ❖ The Case Manager will provide a daily schedule specific to your child's needs. They will continue to monitor progress on their goals.
- **Will there be homework help if my student doesn't understand the concepts?**
  - ❖ Contact the classroom teacher to discuss the specific areas of concern/need and additional support will be arranged.
- **Are we going to open to a traditional school setting? When will students be able to attend school in person?**
  - ❖ Stanislaus County Public Health Officer determines when schools in Stanislaus County may start phasing in in-person instruction.
- **I work during the day. Will my student have the opportunity to access the class material after 5pm?**
  - ❖ Yes, your child can log in anytime to complete or begin work on assignments.
- **Will the lunch program still be offered?**
  - ❖ The lunch program will be offered from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. It will operate as a drive through and will be offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Food Service Department has sent out the Free and Reduced forms in the mail as well as Student ID Cards for your students to pick up their lunches.
- **When will students know who their teacher will be?**
  - ❖ Students will receive their teacher and class schedule when picking up the Chromebooks.
- **Will Parents get help and instructions from the teachers or school on how to teach our kids with their online learning/classes?**
  - ❖ Yes, several instructional videos regarding how to access curriculum will be included in your Chromebook information packet.
- **Will there be a phone number or email we can contact whenever we need help?**
  - ❖ We have included Tech Support contact information in your packet. You can also contact your teacher through email.
- **What does the curriculum look like during distance learning?**
  - ❖ Students will use the same curriculum they would be using and seeing in their regular classroom.

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- **What time school will start and end?**
  - ❖ Start times have not changed, you can find this information on your school website. Teachers will provide a daily schedule for your student on when to log in and when class will be over for the day.
- **How long will Distance Learning take place and what is the plan once you resume classroom instruction for students?**
  - ❖ At this time we do not have an exact timeframe. The Public Health Officer will make that determination once positivity rates decrease. Once we receive permission to reopen, we will begin to phase students in for in-person instruction following guidance from the Public Health Officer. You may continue to stay on Distance Learning if you do not want your child returning to campus.
- **Do Parents need to be present when students are logging in?**
  - ❖ No, however it is always best practice to monitor your child's use of a device.
- **Will there be a schedule of the time they need to be on the computer and have their break?**
  - ❖ Each teacher will provide students and parents a daily schedule.
- **What will the middle school class schedule look like? Will students be logging in and out of each class?**
  - ❖ Yes, each period will provide 40 minutes of live, direct instruction and then students will have approximately 45 minutes to complete assignments.
- **If a student doesn't join their online class on time because of an internet connectivity issue, are they going to be considered tardy?**
  - ❖ There are no tardies during this time of Distance Learning.
- **How will student attendance be counted?**
  - ❖ Present or Engaged if they are logging in or doing any portion of the day or period.
- **How will the environment be "safe" for staff, students and parents IF schools are allowed to open with distancing measures in place?**
  - ❖ All classrooms, restrooms and public areas will be disinfected daily with stringent sanitation procedures in place.
- **What choices will parents have IF schools open with distancing measures and parents are still not comfortable having their children return to the classroom?**

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- ❖ Students can remain on Distance Learning for the entire year.
- **What will a typical day be for children? Will they be having Real Time Zoom classes with others or will there be individual one on one instruction?**
  - ❖ Yes, students will have the opportunity each day to log in to the live daily meeting and have interaction with their peers. Students will also be scheduled for small group Zoom meetings and individual Zoom meetings.
- **I work full-time in the home during normal business hours how can my student get assistance with learning if I'm not sitting side by side with them?**
  - ❖ Students can log in anytime and teachers will be monitoring student engagement.
- **If children are allowed back into the classroom will it be a requirement to have a waiver of liability signed by the parent? If so, what if it goes against the desire of the parent to sign such a waiver?**
  - ❖ Currently, we have no such guidance or requirements for waivers.
- **If we decide to continue distance learning after in person school starts, would the program and expectations remain the same?**
  - ❖ Yes
- **I don't have internet at home. How can I get a hotspot?**
  - ❖ You will need to contact your school principal and a hotspot will be provided to you at no cost.
- **How will you gauge the effectiveness of the distance learning?**
  - ❖ Teachers will monitor student learning and engagement just as they would if your child was seated in a classroom. Assignments must be submitted and the teacher will provide feedback and issue a grade. We will have several assessments, such as iReady, Eureka Math, and Imagine Learning, which will also help us to monitor student progress.
- **Will teachers be open to offering help after live class hours?**
  - ❖ When you meet with your child's teacher either in person or via Zoom, they will provide you with your students schedule and establish "Office Hours" wherein you will be able to contact the teacher. Email and phone calls are also an option.