FAMILY GUIDE TO DISTANCE LEARNING

The District is currently providing all students with opportunities to engage in distance learning. Together, families and schools will create spaces for teaching and learning that are engaging, interactive, and supportive.

Learning will not look the same at home as it does in the building; however, teachers will respect and partner with families to set the best environment for their success.

What is my student's day going to look like?

Middle School and High School Students utilizing Edgenuity

- Edgenuity is an online learning platform that allows students to work at their own pace, allowing them to pause and review content. Students on this platform will continue to be supported by their teacher, who will answer questions, work one-on-one, and in small groups.
- Teachers will be available during the day to provide support to students.
- **High School students** will also receive support for Advaced Placement courses and to complete finals by scheduled dates.
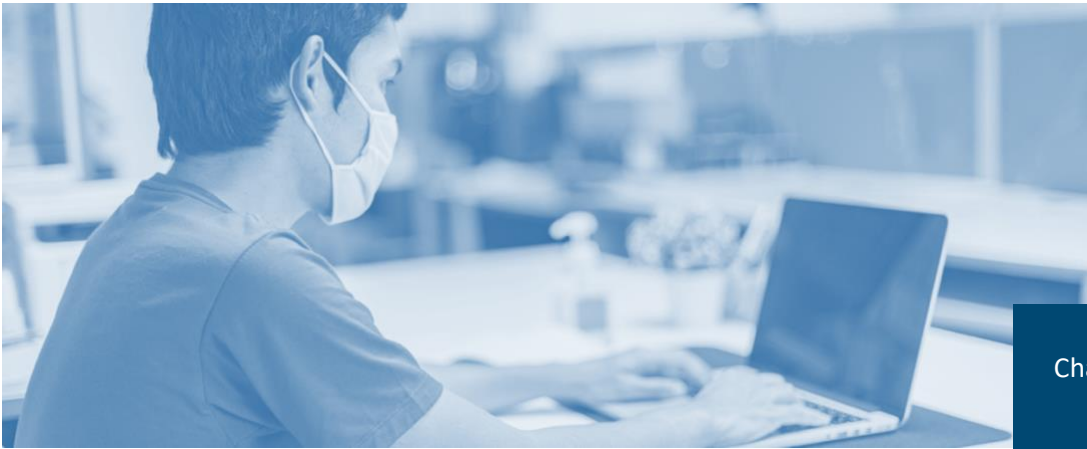
Family-School Partnerships website
https://bit.ly/3ocMto9

What is my child's day going to look like?

Elementary school students on distance learning will spend time learning with their teacher online, as well as working on their own assignments posted or shared by the teacher. Their day will include lunch and breaks throughout, and each teacher will determine the time for each of their online lessons.

Middle School and High School Students on Full Distance Learning

- Teachers will provide synchronous (live and interactive) instruction and asynchronous learning (independent student work) daily.
- Every school will determine its class schedule, including options for intervention, small group, reteaching, and office hours.
- Teachers will be available during the day to provide support to students

Additional guidance and resource for Edgenuity https://www.washoeschools.net/Domain/78
Additional resources for family support with Edgenuity: https://bit.ly/2VrikW6 and https://bit.ly/3o9eGMA

What are the ways my child can be most successful?

- Choose a space that your child likes to learn in.
- Make their learning space comfortable—but not too comfortable, such as a chair or pillow they can sit on for a bit, with a flat surface for them to write on.
- Natural lighting from windows is the best for learning and lamps are good, too.
- Have your child organize all their learning supplies in one space that is easy for them to get to.
- If possible, the learning space should only be used for learning. This helps them understand when it is time to learn. If this is not possible, you can use a signal with your child when it is time to learn.

Respecting space and privacy when learning virtually.

- When on a camera, students should put their back to a wall (as opposed to an open space), this will ensure your home activities remain private.
- If available, headphones with a microphone work best so that your child can hear the teacher and block out other sounds in the home.
- Students should get dressed and attend school every day just like you would if you were in a building. This will put you in the mindset of being "in school."
- Students should be on time at the virtual meetings with their teachers.

5 Tips for Distance Learning Families

What are the ways I can support my child most effectively?

- Communicate high expectations. **"I expect you to do your best with school every day."**
- Monitor your child's progress:
  - **Use Microsoft Teams, Infinite Campus and Edgenuity to check on your student's progress.**
  - **Ask questions -** How did school go today? What did you learn? Were you able to get all of your assignments done? If not, what was challenging about completing your assignments?
- **Support learning at home**
- **Advocate for your child**

What should I expect from my child's teacher(s) and school?

- Your school wants to build a relationship with your child and family. We need to know you in order to work best with you.
- Teachers will respond to students and families in a timely manner.
- Assignments and grades will be posted in Infinite Campus

For students not using Edgenuity:

- Your teachers will be teaching "live" (synchronous) and will be assigning work for your student to do independently (asynchronous) daily.
- Your teacher will be working with other teachers for the best ideas on how to teach your child.
- Assignments will be posted in Microsoft Teams in the Assignments section.
- Your teacher will post a consistent schedule in Microsoft Teams.

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Middle Schools Learning and Technology Supports https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/15861
High School Learning and Technology Supports https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/15863