



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear Parents and Families of Akron Elementary School,

As you know, our students' safety and well-being is our first priority. We also recognize that with the ever-changing models of education right now, we must be prepared to make changes at any time. At this time, Akron Central School District has NOT announced any plans to pivot to a fully remote model. However, we want to share our plans with you ahead of time so that our community remains informed and prepared.

It is our goal to devise a plan that provides structure, consistency, and some flexibility for our families and students. All plans are posted on our Akron webpage at www.akronschools.org/covid19. These documents will hopefully create a more seamless transition if need be.

Students will be provided appropriate instructional experiences composed of direct instruction from teachers, video lessons and/or assignments directly related to the student's classes. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions, check in with their teachers during planned teacher office hours, and during check-in times through Google Meet. We recognize the importance of structure and consistency. Each grade level has outlined a specific schedule for students to follow each day. You will see these schedules in the links below and a hard copy will be sent home along with this letter. It is important to note that if your child is currently in a full remote model they will continue to work in that capacity with the same remote teacher.

When e-mailing or messaging teachers, we ask for your patience in allowing for at least 24 hours for a response. Our teachers have been working to meet the needs of all students, and in addition to their own families or personal lives, we must be mindful of their time outside of school. Parents/students will be expected to complete the mandatory remote daily attendance form on our Akron webpage, just as they do now, by 9:00 AM.

Here are some important reminders to follow when engaged in remote learning:

- We expect that all students are fully engaged with both cameras and microphones on, unless otherwise directed by the teacher
- Students should be prepared for class including
 - Choose a space that is free from distractions (background, noise, pets, use of other electronic devices, a spot where you can sit upright, etc.)
 - Chromebook is charged or charger is nearby
 - Being dressed for school.
 - Prepared with all supplies no matter where you are for learning that day
 - Some miscellaneous items (use of water bottle, eat before or after classes, etc.)
- Finally, do your best and be engaged...it will make a difference!

We know that any aspect of remote learning is not easy and poses challenges for students, teachers, parents, and families alike. We can assure you that our teachers are working diligently to plan for engagement and success for each and every student at Akron Elementary no matter what model of learning we are in. We remain a strong Akron Elementary Family and will continue to support one another. With that in mind, please know we are here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Never hesitate to reach out to either of us at any time.

We thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education. Stay healthy, happy and safe!

Sincerely,

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