



Dear DCS Parents,

Thank you for all you have done during this unprecedented time. Your support during distance learning is appreciated and has certainly been a challenge for us all. We have persevered and are ready to wrap up this school year.

Distance learning ends this Friday, May 8. There are several tasks that we need to do and ask for your help. In anticipation of Gov. Tate Reeves ending the "Safer at Home" Executive Order on Monday, we have devised a plan. Our teachers will be contacting you this week to schedule times to meet with your child individually or in small groups (2-3 students) in grades K4 through 7th. 8th through 12th grade students will meet on an "as needed" basis. We would like to meet with them a total of three times in 45 minutes or less. May 11-15 there will be two academic sessions that include review and grade level assessments. Please note that no cumulative exams will be administered. These assessments are for the purpose of gathering critical end of year student data that will guide our instruction as we devise an academic plan to be implemented when school reconvenes in August. During the week of May 18-21, the one session will be awards. Teachers will have all of the details when they contact you soon.

Along with other MAIS schools, we are following all guidelines for health and safety as required by the MS Department of Health and the CDC. Classrooms and traffic areas will be sanitized prior to each student/teacher session. At no time will students be placed in a group or in contact with more than five people. In addition, all students will remain six or more feet apart from teachers and other students. All DCS staff will be required to wear masks. Students are welcome to do so as well.

Students will be allowed casual dress during these visits but are welcome to wear their uniforms if they like. Upon arrival of campus, parents are to remain in their cars and drive in the unloading lane next to the building. DCS staff will be available to direct students to classrooms. All students will enter the main doors of the Administration building and will be screened. Only one student at a time will enter the building. Please follow the guidance of the staff on duty. Everyone must follow the guidelines set forth below:

**Guidelines for Parents:**

- Week 1: Parents will remain on campus until after the student has been screened. A staff person will let you know when you are free to leave. Parents are not required to remain on campus during each session. However, a parent must be available by cell phone.
- Students will exit their cars one at a time at the main entrance of the Admin Building.
- Students will be screened for temperature upon entering then escorted directly to the classroom.
- When sessions are complete, students will be escorted to your car.
- It is imperative that you arrive on time for your scheduled session.

**Students are not to come to school if:**

- They have a temperature of 99.0 (per DCS Parent/Student Handbook) or higher in the last 24 hours
- They know that they have been directly exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Someone in your immediately family that you have been in contact with has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19
- The student has traveled outside of the state of Mississippi in the last 14 days

Should the need to adjust this plan arise, we will notify you Monday morning. Again, thank you for all that you have done during this time.

Sincerely,  
Michele Thames and Wendi Teten  
Co-Heads of School