

July 28, 2020

Dear Destiny Families,

Below is the Destiny School Plan for distance learning that will begin on August 4, 2020.

When does the distance learning start?

- The 20/21 school year will begin through distance learning on August 4, 2020.
- In-person learning will hopefully begin in a few weeks if Gila County meets the Arizona Department of Health guidelines for school reopening and Gila County Health and Emergency Management says that it is okay.
- Beginning August 17, services and instruction will be given on campus to special needs students if their needs cannot be met through the distance learning model. Our Special Education Director, Mrs. Palmer, will be contacting each family of our special needs students individually to determine what is appropriate.
- Beginning August 17, we will also be making childcare available to any Destiny student who does not have a safe place to be during school hours. This is not in-person instruction and the students will be under the supervision of a para-professional. They will continue to receive all instruction through distance learning. Transportation will not be provided. Governor Ducey has issued an order that masks must be worn by everyone in the state while they are in school buildings.

What does remote learning look like?

These are the elements of remote learning:

- Direct instruction is presented to the students through Zoom meetings.
- Feedback is given to students regularly throughout the week.
- The structure of instruction parallels typical in-person instruction with direct instruction, guided practice, independent practice, checks for understanding, and student feedback as the framework components.
- Formative assessments are administered.
- Grades based on mastery of the standards are assigned.

What does direct instruction look like for remote learning?

Using Zoom, teachers provide direct instruction every day.

- Students are expected to join their class for instruction on Zoom.
- Students are able to engage with the teacher on Zoom throughout instructional day.

What does a student's schedule for direct instruction look like?

Zoom meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 am Monday through Thursday. After direct

instruction students will be assigned work to do independently and directed when to return to the meeting. Proof of attendance will be Zoom participation, completion of all work, or parent verification that the student has worked for required number of hours.

What does the rest of the instructional day look like?

- Teachers will be accessible to students for feedback via Zoom video conferencing, phone, and email throughout the instructional day.
- Teachers will be accessible to parents via phone and email.
- Teachers will be reaching out to students who are not engaging, and to their parents.

What is the structure of instruction for remote learning?

- **Learning Objective-** The learning target for the instruction.
- **Direct instruction-** Content that is directly taught during the lesson.
- **Guided Practice-** Student practice with support.
- **Independent Practice-** Student practice that supports growth and demonstrates a level of mastery.
- **Check for understanding-** Checking that growth has occurred.

How will we formally assess remote learning?

- Weekly formative assessments will be administered.
- Benchmarks will be administered.

What is the grading structure for remote learning?

- It is no different than the grading structure for on-site learning

Thank you for partnering with us to meet your child's needs.

Sincerely,

David McLendon, Director
Destiny School