

REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

*Parent Guide for 100% Online Learning
Le Mars Community High School*

In the event the school year starts or moves to the remote learning plan, the students are expected to do daily school work. The remote learning plan can only be implemented with approval from the Iowa Department of Public Health. This is to be used only in limited circumstances. If we are in remote learning, there will be no activities, practices, or events.

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY AND DEVICES

An internet hotspot may be made available for checkout for those students in great need. The hotspot is only to be utilized for student school purposes; reports will be run frequently on usage and misuse will result in loss of this privilege. If internet connectivity is not available to students, alternate materials will be provided. If students have technical difficulties with a school owned device they may email help@lemarscsd.org for assistance. If the student's personal internet connection does not work with a school computer, the family is responsible for contacting their internet provider for assistance.

If a student needs a device for the remote days, the student may check out that computer to use at school and home. Once we move back to the regular plan, students will need to turn in the computer. The student is financially responsible for damage due to negligence. If a school device stops working, have the student contact the tech help desk at help@lemarscsd.org. Please also contact the school so the student does not get marked absent from classes since the device stopped working. If you are using your own device, the school can not provide tech support for the device.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In order to go to remote learning, we will need to gain a waiver from the Department of Public Health. The waiver is a temporary allowance of remote learning. The goal is to get back to one of the other models when possible. The high school will be using Schoology as our online delivery system. The teachers will have lessons for the days the student is not physically attending school. Students will be taught how to access Schoology during the first few days of attending school. Videos will also be

available on the school website showing parents how to access the system.

Schoology merges directly with PowerSchool. PowerSchool will still be used for attendance and grades. PowerSchool does not have the ability to post class content.

If your student has problems with Schoology, please have them contact their classroom teacher.

If you wish to have your student attend remotely everyday we will use Edmentum as our course provider. Edmentum is an online platform that aligns to the Iowa Core. The Edmentum courses will not be identical to what we do in class, but does provide the student with what they need to go to the next level or post secondary. If you choose to go this route, these courses are self paced and self directed. Due to lack of resources, Le Mars schools will not be able to provide additional support. Students opting to do solely online credits will be limited to 14 credits in an academic year. If you student needs more teacher support, this may not be a good option for him/her.

For support on Edmentum please contact Julie Theisen @ Julie.Theisen@lemarscsd.org, Judd Kopperud @ Judd.Kopperud@lemarscsd.org, or Melissa Hill @ Melissa.Hill@lemarscsd.org.

ATTENDANCE

All schooling is required and attendance will be taken. To get marked present virtually, the student must log in daily and do the lessons for their classes. The lessons do not need to be done during the class scheduled time, but needs to be done by 10:00 pm to get attendance credit that day.

For those not attending online, attendance letters will be sent out and if the student is under compulsory attendance the county attorney may be notified.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND INSTRUCTION

Parents can expect their child to have between 15-35 minutes of virtual lessons per class daily. This does not include time to do research papers or typical classroom projects, students will need to manage those items. The 15-35 minutes of virtual lessons is what needs to be completed in order to get the attendance credit for each day. The 15-35 minutes is the average amount of time it could take. Some students may take a little longer. During the remote learning, students will not be expected to be logged in at the same time as when the class would meet. Students must complete the daily lesson by 10:00 pm that night to get credit for attendance

For those students who do not have internet access, paper packets will be available for families to pick up at the school.

GRADING

Once the school initiates the remote learning plan, students have a choice on how their letter grades will

affect their GPA. Parents may choose to take a class for GPA credit or non-GPA credit. If your student takes the course for GPA credit, then the letter grade may impact the student's GPA. To see how many points each letter grade earns, please see the student handbook. Parents will need to notify the teacher by the last day of the class if they wish to have the course impact the GPA. For those that choose to not have the grade impact the GPA, on the final transcript, the course will be listed with the earned grade and an asterisk. The asterisk will note the course grade did not impact the GPA.

SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

For parents wishing to have their student get school lunch during remote learning are required to fill out the intention to eat school lunch form with Judy Lubben. Parents will then need to pick up the lunches for the week on Monday.

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Your teachers will communicate with you when they are available for daily office hours. Teachers will also answer email questions and may arrange to meet with you virtually at a time outside of their normal office hours.

HOW/WHEN TO ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S BUILDING

During remote learning, the school building itself will be limited access. If for some reason you would need to come to the school, you will need to call ahead and make arrangements. Masks are required when you enter the building. There will be no walk-in's during remote learning.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

For students working on our classes, for academic concerns please contact your student's classroom teacher. All teacher emails can be found on the school's website, www.lemarscsd.org.

If you have mental health concerns, please contact Judd Kopperud @ Judd.Kopperud@lemarscsd.org or Melissa Hill @ Melissa.Hill@lemarscsd.org. You may also call 546-4153 and ask for one of them.