

Dear Caregiver,

It is our commitment to support our students and families as we navigate teaching and learning through a remote learning platform. To that end, we wanted to share some information we feel you may need concerning your student.

ARD Meetings:

Due to school building closures, all instruction will move to remote learning beginning March 30th. All ARDS began via Zoom or telephone beginning March 16, 2020. Team leaders will reach out to you to determine the best mode of communication for your student's ARD meeting.

Remote Learning:

Remote learning will include modifications and accommodations as related to your student's current needs. These will be provided by the teachers or in class support staff no different than in classroom instruction. Your student's case manager will be communicating via telephone, email or other remote systems to check on student progress and offer assistance as needed.

APE:

If your student receives Adapted PE (APE), the APE teacher will communicate with you. Beginning March 30, 2020, the APE teacher will send lessons electronically. If you have questions, please contact your student's APE teacher.

Related/Instructional Services: (for students with these services specified in their IEP)

- Counseling, Psychological Services, will be provided via telephone/ZOOM to each student who has this service in their IEP. These providers will be in contact with you throughout this week to determine the best mode of communication.
- Assistive Technology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Music Therapy and Vision Services providers will be in contact with you to determine the best way to meet the needs of your student during online instruction. These services will be provided to the extent possible while online instruction continues and will be commensurate with the online instructional day. Once we have face to face instruction again, all services as specified in the student's IEP will continue. If you feel your student is in need of increased service time due to time spent in online instruction, an ARD will be convened to determine the individual needs of your student once we return to campuses.
- Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) – DHH teachers will be contacting you with resources and information about instruction and assignments, as well as accessing auditory information in online content as applicable to your student's amplification.

Action Needed:

Please click link below and check yes if you agree to the above information and no if you do not agree and would like a revision ARD to discuss services during the remote learning platform.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK_H2iruSoaoeP20qwpkYhddWHyfzhNpQ_QaahCLHdaxZN-CQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you for filling out the attached google form so we can better serve you and your student. Again, it is our desire to support our students and families, so if you feel you need more information, please contact your campus team lead or any of the leadership team in the special services department.

With regards,

Micah Gierkey, Executive Director of Special Education

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