




Parent Forum on Distance Learning



Socrates Academy
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Presenters on Zoom Today

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Questions Submitted:

- 1) When are we returning?
- 2) Can we be given a 4th Quarter Curriculum?
- 3) What are the expectations for Greek?



Weekly goals and assignments

Teachers will be issuing weekly goals and assignments at the beginning of each week with assignments being completed by the end of the week.

MS electives are every TWO weeks-due to number of students connecting with each teacher and the A/B rotation

Zooms

Procedure at Socrates, following advice from NCDPI

Safety precautions for Zoom will be posted on Distance Learning website

We are working on classroom “info sheets” which contain ZOOM links, class expectations & available sessions.

Elementary Zooms

Elementary teachers communicate their Zoom schedule and the expectation of attending.

Elementary scholars should use their checklist to guide assignment completion.

Middle School Zooms

A middle school Zoom schedule has been created and can be found on each grade level page on the [DL Website](#).

A flipped classroom approach is being used in many core classes. Teachers are sharing video instruction and creating “office hours” for guided work practice.

Zoom Class

BASIC ETIQUETTE
FOR AN ONLINE
CLASS

RULES

- Please show up on time at the scheduled time.
- Find a quiet place, free from distraction (siblings, pets, parents, televisions).
- Maintain RESPECT in both speaking, writing, and appearance.
- Stay on mute. Please click the "raise hand" button if you would like to contribute.
- Video needs to remain ON to promote focus. Eye contact should be maintained.
- Refrain from chewing gum, eating, or drinking in front of the camera.

**REMEMBER, THIS IS A CLASS,
SO TREAT IT AS SUCH!**



Communication Procedures

1st Place for All:

[Distance Learning Website](#)

Elementary: Class Dojo

Middle: Remind/email (parents);
Google classroom (students)

ParentPortal

Communication Procedures

Questions about content or assignments? The teacher of that content area. Do not send questions about Greek through the Homeroom Teacher. Direct questions directly to the Greek Teacher. Greek Teachers can be messaged through Class Dojo (for elementary), as well as, emailed.

Grades

State Board of Education Document

K-5: Feedback based on standards proficiency

6-8: Grades based on the format the school already used (moving toward standard proficiency to implement 2020-2021)

Refunds

Field Trips: Mrs. Bakis is working on getting all refunds to families who have paid for field trips. You will receive this by June!

Washington DC (8th Grade): Yesterday, Brightspark changed their decision to now offer refunds to ALL families. This communication will come to your inbox soon. Fundraising that was done specifically FOR this field trip is also being returned to parents.

Donation: If you would like to make your field trip payment a donation to the Annual Fund, please contact Lena Bakis
lbakis@socratesacademy.us

Hot Lunch: This will be communicated by [Daniese Ingram](#) to applicable families.

Return Date

Out until “at least” May 15th

We don't know when or if we will return to the building this school year for learning.

IF we don't return to the building for the 2019-20 school year, the Leadership Team will create an efficient way to schedule time for each family/grade level to return to the building for items when we are permitted by the Governor.

End of Grade Testing
(Grades 3-8)

Support for You

School Counselor Check-In's:

Sign Up Genius on the Distance Learning
Page and by Email:

ssavage@socratesacademy.us

Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus

- Don't be afraid to discuss , but deal with your own anxiety first
- Be developmentally appropriate / take cues from them
- Be reassuring, focus on what you're doing to be safe
- Stick to a Routine
- Keep talking

Please reach out if your family is struggling with anything!



Should we still order yearbooks?

Yes! If you would like to send pictures of distance learning send those to socratesyearbook@gmail.com or jsoucey@socratesacademy.us

Can zooms be recorded?

Zooms can be recorded, but individual devices are proving to be a challenge with storage and uploading Zooms to share. We will try to find a solution for this.

What should a parent do about schoolwork if he/she works full-time and the child is in daycare?

Connect with your child's homeroom teacher, so we can work with your family.

Are there Zooms with Greek Teachers?

Yes



Any news on the Greece Trip?

Not yet; however we are actively in contact with the company about refunds should it be cancelled.

Can Zoom links be put in one central location?

We are currently working on a system to make it easier for families to find these links all in one place, while keeping the links secure.

Can Zoom links be placed in the Google Classroom?

Teachers who have Google classroom will post there.

Who do I contact for ASEP refunds?

Tammy Cress tcress@socratesacademy.us



Will there be 8th grade promotion? 5th grade bridging?

Yes. Since we still don't know if we will return to the buildings, we are brainstorming ideas for a virtual bridging/promotion.

Can parents still donate to the Outreach Fund?

Yes. Contact ssavage@socratesacademy.us or donate [HERE](#)

What is the plan for AIG testing for rising 3rd graders?

We are currently discussing the possibility of summer CogAT testing in order to serve rising 3rd grade scholars as soon as they enter 3rd grade in the Fall 2020.

Can I request supplemental work if I believe the workload is not enough for my child?

Yes, from your child's teachers. Also check out: <https://wideopenschool.org/>