



Distance Learning Plan 2020-2021

Notre Dame Academy has created a distance learning plan that creates motivating, healthy and realistic opportunities for students to learn and grow. Additionally staff will be able to connect with students in productive and meaningful ways and have enough time to adequately plan and prepare.

Engagement with students: NDA will create student engagement sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will be teacher Office Hours from 10-12 and planning/grading days. We will have weekly staff meetings on Wednesday mornings before Office Hours.

The technology platforms used in grades K-4 will vary per grade level - SeeSaw will be the primary vehicle for assignments.

In grades 5-8: google suite (i.e. Google Classroom, Google calendar and so on) will be the primary vehicle for assignments.

K-5 teachers will create a face-to-face session a minimum of once a day. Each teacher will communicate their weekly schedule to you.

Middle School (grades 6-8) - The middle school students will follow a schedule for their core classes each morning on MTThF. Note there are 5 minute breaks between classes. All students will have a break during their grade level math class that they do not attend. Students will attend classes via zoom.

	6 Monday/ Thursday	6 Tuesday/ Friday	7 Monday/ Thursday	7 Tuesday/ Friday	8 Monday/ Thursday	8 Tuesday/ Friday
8:45-9:15	LA	LA	SS	SS	science	science
9:20-9:50	SS	SS	prealgebra	prealgebra	geometry	geometry
9:55-10:25	PreAlgebra	PreAlgebra	LA	LA	algebra	algebra
10:30-11:00	science	science	algebra	algebra	LA	LA
11:05-11:35	Spanish	Health	Literature	religion	religion	literature
11:40-12:10	math	math	Spanish	health	Health	Spanish
12:15-12:45	religion	literature	Science	science	SS	SS

Middle School Teachers will have office hours when students can email for help from 1-2:30 on student engagement days (MTThF). The afternoons will be time for students to work on specialist classes, homework and to get some fresh air and time off.

Attendance -

Elementary teachers will take attendance by requesting a response to a morning question of the day (MTThF). Teachers will also take attendance during live zoom meetings but also realize that not all students may have the ability to attend all zoom sessions.

Middle School teachers will take attendance on MTThF during their first hour for Sycamore. Middle School students will also be accountable in each of their core classes each morning. Attendance means a student is present with the camera on and their face showing. Students must be sitting upright and dressed appropriately. Poor choices or excessive absences will be reported to Dr. Jungels and parents.

Hard Copy pick up - Materials will be ready for pick up every other Friday. Teachers will communicate what needs to be picked up and when folders (either yellow or blue) need to be returned. We will have bins labeled with teachers' names for pick ups and returns. We will communicate specific days and times for hard copy pick up and drop off.

Devices/Internet access - all 4th through 8th grade students will bring home chromebooks. If your child K-3 does not have access to a device at home, please let Dr. Jungels know so that we can arrange for a device for you. If you do not have internet access, please let Dr. Jungels know so that we can figure out a solution.

Grades: some classes may have sections of the report card labeled Not Applicable as these skills or behaviors could not be adequately observed during distance learning. Likewise, some specialist subjects may be pass/fail as the teacher could not acquire enough data to appropriately determine a more specific grade.

Classroom/Subject specifics - each teacher will communicate their own information on how they will conduct distance learning within the parameters detailed in this document.

Day Care for essential employees - If you are considered an essential employee and need daycare, please email Dr. Jungels and Mr. Stephens so that we can create a plan for Lion's Lair.

We have based our distance learning plan on the experiences of staff and students from last spring and know that everyone's mental health and wellbeing are our highest priority. Please keep in touch with staff to let us know if you have concerns.

With gratitude for all you are doing for your children during this unique time,

The NDA faculty and staff