

Cedar Mountain Distance Learning Plan



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Cedar Mountain's Program Plan for Distance Learning
Updated 5/4/2020

The following plan is subject to revision for measuring attendance and adaptation for lack of internet and other unforeseen circumstances with state law.

Purpose:

- Ensure that every student in the state of Minnesota receives an equitable education and has equal access to learning and instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Governor of Minnesota, directed MN schools to participate in distance learning for the remainder for the 2019-2020 school year.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning defined:

Students engaging in distance learning have access to appropriate educational materials and receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s).

Content delivery:

PreSchool/ECSE: Students will engage in lessons as outlined in their distance learning packets sent home by teachers. Teachers will communicate with families via See-Saw.

Elementary: Students will engage in lessons as outlined on their distance learning packets sent home by teachers. Teachers will communicate with families daily via See-Saw.

Special Education: Students in pull-out classes will complete distance learning tasks specific to their IEP. Students that receive remedial instruction will receive packets of activities specific to their IEP goals. Teachers will communicate with families daily.

Middle School/High School: Students will utilize Schoology, Google Docs and Apps to complete distance learning tasks. Students will submit evidence of completing distance learning tasks. Directions and tasks will be given for students who do not have internet access at home.

Interventions:

Workday Wednesdays: Students will have Wednesdays as a workday to get caught up on work. There are opportunities for small group instruction, 1:1 reteaching, and conversations with teachers and staff members. There will be no new lessons or assignments given, just opportunities to catch-up.

Homework Hotline:

Elementary - Students may join a Google Meet daily from 9:30-10:30 with Ms. Thoof. The code is "Help". She will help you with questions about your homework.

If additional help is needed - your classroom teacher will set up an individual time for you to Google Meet with them or a para. Contact them via See Saw to discuss this.

Attendance:

All Families: Please contact the school office if your child is ill and unable to complete assigned daily distance learning call 507-249-5880.

Elementary: Students will be sending photos of their completed work to staff via See-Saw. Staff can also determine attendance based on See Saw use and work completed in their digital assignments.

Middle school/High school

All students are required to check-in daily for attendance. An exit ticket is a student's attendance for the class. It will be found at the end of each lesson. If a student does not fill out a ticket, their parents will be contacted.

Grading: School board approved on 05/07/20

Minnesota's K-12 public education system has moved to a system of distance learning to prevent community spread of the Coronavirus that leads to COVID-19. This unprecedented moment in public education has created stress, anxiety and uncertainty for educators, families, and students. **It is the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Education that grade scales are adjusted to create a more equitable way to assess students during this unprecedented time.**

Elementary in Franklin:

Elementary will continue to use our Standards Based Grading System. Student's work and character traits will be taken into consideration from prior semesters. Their rubric scale will be adjusted to this:

4= All work has been completed at an exceptional and consistent high quality of work.

Student went above and beyond expectations

3= Most work completed at an acceptable grade level quality

2= Some of the work was completed at a developing level of understanding.

1= Little of the work was completed and it was done at a beginning level of understanding.

.5 Demonstrates a level of understanding of standard/benchmarks that are below grade level with considerable support.

Scores will not be entered for Math Fact Fluency or Reading Fluency as these will not be assessed this trimester.

Middle/High School in Morgan:

Cedar Mountain Middle/High School is implementing a grading scale that reflects the challenges of learning during COVID-19. This allows students opportunities to do their work under unforeseen circumstances with a more positive result.

The grading scale below will be in effect for the remainder of the 2019-2020 year. This scale expands the availability of letter grades, but keeps the integrity of a GPA.

Grading scale for distance learning will follow these percentages:

- A: 100-90%
- B: 89-80%
- C: 79-70%
- D: 69-50%
- In-Progress

Students that earn below 50% will earn an In-Progress grade. An in-progress plan will be created for the course. This plan will need to be completed by June 30th to earn a letter grade.

In an effort to communicate effectively to students, families, institutions of higher education and employers the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the grades during the pandemic situation the following will be added to report cards and transcripts:

Grades that are documented during the period of March 30th through June 30 of 2020 reflect the distance learning period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Future use of these grades for academic placement, admission acceleration or remediation is discouraged and should only be used with caution after balancing the information against student performance in other grading periods.

Distribution of Materials for Distance Learning:

- Distribution of Distance Learning materials will be monthly in elementary and every two weeks at the middle school/high school.
- We ask that only one person from each family picks up materials and that we keep social distancing in mind during pick up.
- Materials will be located in the building where the student attends school.
- All pre-school materials are located in Franklin.

Distribution

Elementary in Franklin:

- Pick up will be at the main entrance to the school.
- Locker contents are available at pick up time.
- We ask that all library books be returned at this time.

Middle/High School in Morgan:

- Pick up will be at the Cafeteria entrance
- Locker contents are available for pick up as well.
- Check Schoology for messages from teachers regarding materials.

Delivery/Special Arrangements:

- If you need materials delivered or a different pick-up time, please contact the school office.
- Delivery for those needing it would take place on the day following distribution at school.

Phone Numbers:

- Elementary 507-557-2251
- MS/HS number 507-249-5880

Care for Children of families of Emergency Workers:

- Emergency Child Care began on March 17 for children in K-12 years old at no cost to families who meet the criteria of emergency worker. We are utilizing our current Camp Cougar (School Aged Child Care) facility, format and staff. Additional staff and rooms will be added if numbers are 10 or more.
- Children are provided breakfast, lunch and a snack. Activities are a combination of play, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, STEAM activities, etc. We will help children with Distance Learning for at least 2 hours each day.

Nutrition**Meals and distribution:**

The free meal program is offered to anyone 18 and under starting on March 18th. The meals are available to anyone who lives in a community regardless of what school they attend.

Non-Cedar Mountain students who live in our communities are more than welcome to stop by school and receive a free meal. Cedar Mountain students who live in surrounding communities can pick up lunches from the school located in the community where they live. Meals will be distributed through May 29.

Meals location sites for meal pick up:

Pick Up at Cedar Mountain High School (MORGAN): 11:00-12:00 M-F Door #9 (the side door by the cafeteria)

Pick Up at the Elementary School (FRANKLIN): 11:00-12:00 M-F Door #10 (the kitchen door on the west side of school)

Morton City Hall in Morton- 11:00-11:30am M-F (Meal provided by Redwood Valley Schools)
Lower Sioux Government Center Parking Lot- 11:00-11:30am M-F (Meal provided by Redwood Valley Schools)
Redwood Valley MS/HS and Reede Gray -11:00-11:30am M-F (Meal provided by Redwood Valley Schools)

Internet Accessibility

As we provide education through distance learning, internet access will be beneficial. Below is contact information for ARVIG and MN Valley Technology. Contact them for information regarding a **free internet opportunity** or contact the school if you have further questions.

Arvig - Please call 888-992-7844 for more information

Minnesota Valley Telephone - Please call 507-557-2275 for more information

Students who do not have sufficient access to the internet will have an alternative method to use to complete the distance learning task (i.e., physical textbook at home). **Please contact the office communicating your needs and plan to pick up materials on the distribution day.**

Accessible digital instruction for students with disabilities under chapter 125A and meet the needs of each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP)/504 plans. Students will complete distance learning tasks specific to their IEP.

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Access to teachers via telephone and online during normal school hours. Teachers will be available via telephone at 507-249-5990, option 0 and online during the school hours of 8:20am-3:20 pm. Students needing to contact their teacher are to call the district office and leave a return phone number. Teachers will promptly contact students. Email contacts for teachers are listed on the district website. Schoology messages can also be used at the MS/HS.

Webpage

The distance learning plan and periodic updates can be found on the district webpage.

<https://www.cms.mntm.org>.

Infinite Campus (Including email, phone and mailings)

Infinite Campus will be the primary system utilized for communicating with families. Families will receive important updates through the contact information that they have listed. Having updated phone numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses in the Infinite Campus system is vital to ensure updates.

Administration Contact Information

Superintendent Rob Brandl- rbrandl@cedarmt.org

Middle/High School Principal Tammy Yackley- tyackley@cedarmt.org

Elementary Principal Patti Machart- pmachart@cedarmt.org

Student Support

Counselor/Social Worker

When there are changes in our routines, such as we are experiencing right now, it can add a different type of stress in our lives for both students and their caregivers. We want to assure you our student support staff is available during this time. Our Guidance Counselor, Mr. Palokangas, ppalokangas@cedarmt.org and our School Social Worker, Mrs Sturm, psturm@cedarmt.org can be reached at 507-249-5990 (High School) or 507-557-2251 (Elementary).

Office of Indian Education Cedar Mountain students will be able to access the resources made available through our Indian Education liaisons by contacting the school. Parents or students can call (507) 249-5990 or email Rebekah Gregg at rgregg@cedarmt.org or Lisa Nez at lnez@cedarmt.org. Cedar Mountain will continue to communicate with Lower Sioux Tribal leadership as we collaborate to support our students and families. (Plan was communicated with Lower Sioux Tribal Council on March 19, 2020)

