



April 3, 2020

Dear Central 301 Families,

We are excited to offer “remote learning” to families in our community beginning Monday, April 6, 2020. We believe we have a plan that will engage your students in meaningful learning through a new way of providing education. Our staff has been working the last couple of days to continue to prepare for this “new opening day”! In an effort to provide communication during this unprecedented time, we have developed a [Remote Learning Plan Button](#) on our district website. This button will provide you with up-to-date information, answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ), and will serve as a repository for all documents embedded within this letter, as well as for new information. This button is located on the home page just underneath the district logo.

Families and students will be able to access our [Remote Learning Plan](#) and a [Parents FAQ](#) through these links and through the district remote learning button on the website portal for future updates. We have streamlined the key elements of the plan in this [flyer](#). Some highlights of the updated plan include:

- The “Act of God” days (March 17 - March 31) and the Remote Learning Days (currently April 1 - April 30) count as actual student attendance days and will not be made up.
- Mondays will be used by students to make-up missing assignments from the previous week or to complete work provided prior to spring break. If a student has no missing assignments, other resources are provided in the plan document for enrichment/skill work. Teachers are still available to parents and students on these Mondays.
- Student remote instruction will occur Tuesday - Friday starting the week of April 6th through the week of April 27th. If the closure continues we will have the same schedule for the week of May 4th. The remaining 8 days will be determined later.
- Daily attendance of students is required by the parents/students. Directions for completing the daily attendance can be found [HERE](#).
- Assignments will be emailed for early childhood and posted in Canvas for students in Kindergarten - 12th grade by 9:00 am each day.
- Central 301 schools followed the Remote Learning Recommendations from ISBE and adopted a grading model of pass or incomplete. Please review the grading guidelines in the Remote Learning Plan (linked above).
- All State assessments for spring 2020 are cancelled, including the Constitution exam. This action officially ends assessment activity statewide for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, Illinois Science Assessment, SAT, and Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment for the 2019-20 school year. ISBE is working with the College Board on developing options to allow current 11th grade students to take the SAT in the fall.
- Special Education Support Services will be offered as part of the remote learning plan. Additional information on special education including an FAQ are located in this [Parent Special Education Communication On Remote Learning](#) link.
- The schedule for Special Education Support Services is included in the Central CUSD 301 Remote Learning Plan (linked above).



I encourage you to use the [Remote Learning Plan Button](#) on our website to gain access to the plan, FAQ document, and other resources. This site will be updated as needed.

Times such as this bring about many emotions. We ask that you work in partnership with us as we all learn together. Our staff and administration are working to develop and create meaningful educational opportunities for your students. This is a new way of instruction for them, just as it is a new way of learning for your students. Patience, communication and empathy are vital elements as we all work together in this partnership. To date, we have heard many positive comments about these experiences. Please continue to share any positive feedback and/or concerns you have regarding your child(ren)'s experience as we move forward with this opportunity for remote learning.

I hope this email finds your family healthy and safe.

In partnership,

Dr. Todd Stirn

Superintendent