

Hopedale Remote Learning Plan

Hopedale Remote Learning Guiding Principles
Provide a flexible learning environment that can accommodate each family's needs. Families, students, and faculty are functioning under unprecedented circumstances. The priorities of each family may be different based on their current situation.
Communication is critical. Staff and families NEED to continuously communicate in order to meet students' needs.
The safety and well-being of our students, their families, and our staff is our highest priority. We are focused not only on physical health, safety, and nutrition but also on social-emotional and mental health needs
Maintaining connections between faculty, staff, students, and families is paramount. These connections will provide natural conduits to guide districts and schools in addressing students' specific needs.

Hopedale Remote Learning Goals
Ensure that students remain engaged in school and the learning process.
Introduce new concepts and information in a manageable manner for students
Continue to provide learning opportunities that allow students to activate, practice, and enrich prior learning
Ensure connections between students, families, and staff members
Provide enriching opportunities in the area of the arts

Hopedale's Definition of Remote Learning
Remote learning is not synonymous with on-line learning. Although technology will be incorporated into our teachers' lesson plans, we believe remote learning can take place in a multitude of ways. Remote learning allows students to engage with resources in their everyday lives and in the natural world around them. Remote learning also provides unique opportunities to further engage students in the arts, physical activity, and or interdisciplinary work. Finally, the District is conscious of the effects of increased screen time and seeks balance between learning through technology and remote learning that happens offline to support students' curiosity and understanding.

Organization of a "School Day"
Development of a master schedule for each school will help organize our children's school day. As the school closure was extended, schools began working on a master schedule to assist teachers and families in having a better ability to manage the school day. Those schedules will be communicated by school/teacher
State guidelines are recommending that students be engaged in learning for approximately half the length of a school day (3-3 1/2 hours per day)
Staff are working to collaborate on sending communication to families in a concise manner

Students should be engaging in academic practice on a daily basis. This may include face-to-face contact with teachers, independent projects, practice of learned skills, enrichment, etc.
Staff are available to families each day. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher

Standardized Testing

MCAS-The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has not yet made an announcement to cancel Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for the 2019-2020 school year. The Commissioner of Education has applied for a waiver and families and students will be notified when DESE announces a decision.

SAT and AP Exams-In-person AP Exams have been canceled by The College Board. AP Exams are being rescheduled in an abridged online format. Information about SAT exams and AP exams is available at https://www.collegeboard.org/ .
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Special Education

Every parent will receive a letter from the PPS office outlining Special Education services (by 1.02.20)
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Remote services will put into place that are based upon IEPs (Remote services will consist of supports and resources and instruction and services -whole group, small group, individualized)
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Educational teams will work with families to develop plans that are effective

IEP meetings will be set up in order to occur remotely
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English Language Learner

ELL teachers will collaborate with regular education teachers to make accommodations
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Students will have at home access to Imagine Learning Platform
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ELL teachers will provide materials and resources to students
