



School Administrative Unit #41

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Dear Hollis and Brookline Families,

As you are aware, all students in SAU41 will begin a remote learning program beginning on Wednesday, March 18th. As a leadership team, we are working diligently to finalize a comprehensive plan that will ensure continuity of learning for our students. Naturally, this has raised a number of questions from parents and students, and we wanted to take the opportunity to address some of the more frequently asked questions:

What do I do if my child left something at school that they may need during remote learning?

All schools in SAU41 will be open for students and parents to pick up items Tuesday through Friday of this week from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents needing to pick up their child's medication from the health office can do so on Tuesday, March 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you have items that you need to pick up beyond those dates we would ask that you please call the office of your child's school.

What exactly IS remote learning?

Scroll to the bottom of the document (page 3) for our general guidelines. More information will be provided by your child's teacher and principal.

How long will our students be educated via remote learning?

We are currently scheduled to operate our remote learning model until Friday, March 27th. We will be consulting with public health officials each week and may make adjustments to our timeline moving forward.

Will my child have access to school breakfast and lunch while remote learning is occurring?

SAU41 will make grab and go breakfast and lunch available to all families during our remote learning. More information will be provided by our School Nutrition Coordinator, Amy Cassidy, on Tuesday.

Will social and emotional support be provided to my child during remote learning?

Our school counselors will continue to serve the social and emotional needs of students during remote learning. Parents and students can call or email their school counselors and can expect a response

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during regular school hours. Parents and students are reminded that in the event of a mental health emergency people should call 911.

Will support be available for my child who receives services through special education and Section 504?

All special education professional and support staff will be available to support students with their remote learning. Student service administrators from your child's school will be reaching out to you shortly to discuss your child's unique learning program.

Will the school be taking attendance?

Yes, the expectation is that students will participate in online learning every day. In the event that your child is not able to participate we ask that you please call the attendance line of your child's school.

Will my child receive grades for their remote learning?

Yes, students will continue to receive grades for their work. The grading system that was established by your child's teachers will remain in place during remote education.

What do we do if we do not have access to technology?

Google Chromebooks will be available to families who do not have access to technology. Staff will be communicating with families directly beginning on Monday to outline the process for obtaining technology.

Will the schools in SAU41 be available for outside events during remote learning?

During remote learning all schools in SAU41 will not be available for outside events. Our custodial staff is in the process of completing a comprehensive deep clean of our buildings. Custodial cleaning will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

How can parents and community help?

We have received a large number of offers of help including assistance handing out meals through offers to purchase technology for students. We would ask that you please provide us time as we transition to remote learning. If you are a parent or community member in a position to help, please reach out to robert.thompson@sau41.org no earlier than Tuesday, March 17th. No solicitations please.

Who should I contact if I have specific questions about my child and their remote learning?

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We encourage parents to reach out to their child's school if they have specific questions about their child and remote learning. In an effort to streamline communication we suggest you always start with the person most closely associated with the question.

Sincerely,

Andy Corey
Superintendent of Schools

What is Remote Learning?

Remote learning differs from traditional school, because the students are not sitting in the classroom with their classmates and their teacher. While their teacher is providing instruction, the format will be different. Instruction might be offered via Google slideshows, video links, or video meetings. Coordinated learning activities might be provided on paper, electronically through Google Classroom, or electronically through other online tools and resources. Participation in remote learning will determine a student's attendance for the day.

The expectations for remote learning will vary based on the developmental stage of the learner. Some general guidelines are listed below:

Pre-K - Grade 3: Parents will receive a daily email from their child's teacher(s) with a link that will explain that day's learning activities. The daily email might direct parents to visit the grade level webpage. Teachers will communicate with families and students and provide feedback on student progress and participation.

Grades 4 - 6: Parents will receive a daily email from their child's teacher(s) with a link that will explain that day's learning activities. The daily email might direct parents to visit the grade level webpage or to go to Google Classroom directly. Teachers will communicate with families and students and provide feedback on student progress and participation.

HBMS: Students will receive their learning activities through Google Classroom. Students should not be on their device the entire school day; rather, they will be expected to complete assignments and participate in online activities throughout the course of the day. Some assignments might be given to cover the span of more than one day. Teachers will communicate with families and students and provide feedback on student progress and participation.

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