



Independent School District 473

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Hello families,

In these unprecedented times it is important that we make every effort as partners in your child's education to continue their academic and social emotional growth. We realize you have received multiple communications related to school programming. I appreciate your patience as we navigate guidance and respond to an ever-changing environment in building a learning model that allows your child to be successful at home. Many details of the distance learning program will be specific to your child's teacher/classes and will be communicated to you by school staff as appropriate. The intent of this letter is to provide some district-level information to assist you with the transition to distance learning.

Homework and school supplies:

Teachers may design academic programming using a variety of digital and physical tools and resources. Any physical materials needed by students will be delivered to you by school transportation. The school will also pick up student work to return to school for grading.

Drop off and pick up of school materials will occur each Friday between 7:15 and 9:15am

Students will receive up to five days of work on Friday with the expectation that it will be completed for return to school the following Friday. *You must meet the driver at the vehicle to exchange deliveries!!* Many digital assignments will be submitted electronically.

Accommodations will be made for families without internet access. ***Schoolwork and supplies can also be picked up or dropped off at the respective school offices between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm weekdays.***

Technical support for distance learning:

Many teachers will utilize online platforms and applications to deliver curriculum. There are many resources to help students and families in navigating this experience. **Please remember that school issued devices are to be used for schoolwork only! Parents, please monitor student use!**

If you have school iPads or laptops that are broken or in need of repair, contact Tech support at helpdesk@isle.k12.mn.us *Please report lost, broken, or malfunctioning devices immediately!*

Internet service options in the Isle area:

SCI Broadband is offering 3 months of high speed broadband service to any NEW customers with children in school (or college students) for \$19.95/mo. **They will waive installation fees.** There is **no contract** required. Contact SCI at: (800) 222-9809 to enroll or for more information.

Assignments and grading:

Students are expected to participate in coursework and complete assignments as directed by their teachers. Grades will be awarded at the end of the term and will be a part of a student's academic record and GPA calculations.