Skamania School District

ALL students learn REMOTELY Board Approved Plan as of 8/11/2020

The plan was developed with guidance from the following groups:

Washington State – Governor's office (Decision tree)
OSPI – State School Superintendent
Skamania County Health Department
Staff Task Force
PTO Parent Advisory
Skamania School Board

This model follows the Department of Health guidelines for "high level of community spread" where distance/online instruction is recommended to start school.

September plan Re-evaluate in late September ALL students learn REMOTELY

General Instruction

- School will start on September 2nd.
- 180 days and 1,000 hours of instruction for the year (K-8).
- 5 days per week of online instruction.
- First month: Instruction, along with placement assessments, development of personalized plans, and parent conferences.
- All students will have a district-provided Chromebook for checkout to use at home, if needed.
- 5 additional days are included in the calendar at the end for make up days, if needed.

Academics

- A robust online instructional model will be followed.
- Learning standards by grade level will be aligned and an overview of the learning standards will be provided.

- Each student will have a personalized learning plan to accommodate for a variety of abilities. This will include a choice of assignment options and ways to demonstrate their learning.
- Social and emotional support to promote student, staff and family wellness will be provided by our new counselor.

Online Program: Outlined below is more information regarding instruction in our Virtual Academy.

Virtual Academy:

An improved virtual remote learning 2.0 (Virtual Academy) is planned with the goal and intention to make it an option for all families at all times, as well as in the time of intermittent closure/absence due to sickness. The model will be more robust than the Spring 2020 model and is being designed with support and feedback from families, staff, and current research on best practices in remote learning environments.

All students will initially be taught using this online format until it is safe to return to school. This Virtual Academy is also available for students and families who want a long-term online option instead of returning to a part or full in-person experience.

The Skamania Virtual Academy will join an online community staffed by Skamania School District teachers and support staff. It will be similar to going to school in person with comprehensive graded lessons and support, direct instruction, and required attendance.

The learning standards and learning goals will be the same as for students in a physical classroom. The methods for achieving and demonstrating standards might be different, but the goals will be the same. For example, a mix of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (recorded) lessons could be used along with projects, presentations, and portfolios for students to demonstrate their learning.

	Virtual Academy Program
Initial communication	Robo call, email, website that outlines the plan and the upcoming back to school night.
Enrollment Period	Any student enrolled at Skamania School may participate as long as it is necessary.
Progress Grades	Yes, at the end of each trimester.
Back to school night before school starts	By appointment for chromebook pick up, basic start up instruction, and initial assignments.
Class Session with Teacher	Both live and recorded sessions will occur daily.
	Some evening instruction time will be available so parents can be involved (after hour support).
State Certified Instructional Staff	Yes
Student Attendance	Required and taken daily
Curriculum	Combination of standards based-created curriculum and vendor-supported designed for an online format.
	Google classroom will be the platform used for all grades.
Personalized learning plan	Each student will have a personalized plan in order to accommodate for a variety of abilities.
	This mastery-based model with a tracking system is currently in development.
	Creative 'home options' will be considered to count toward school requirements and for students to study according to their interests.

Chromebooks	Provided through check out prior to school starting.
School-Based Activities	Suspended until it is safe to return in small groups.
State Assessments	Yes
Wifi/Internet Services	May be provided for a limited number of students who qualify (free/reduced).
	A hotspot will be provided in the Skamania School parking lot.
Paper/Printed Packets	Supplemental paper/packets with a variety of modality, i.e, STEM activities, projects, etc. Distribution plan and/or delivered printed home packets will be considered. Emailed packets and completed homework may be an option.
Counseling Services Provided	Available for all students.
Health Education and Services	Health services are not available until students return to school. Services at school will be based on a student Health Management Plan.
	COVID health and protection instruction may be given as part of health class.
Special Education Services	The special education team will work directly with families to schedule required in-person (when safe) or online instruction and/or therapies.
Nutrition Services/meals	Those who qualify may pick up meals at school (free/reduced). Paid lunches may be available for pick up. We are exploring 1-2 drop areas for food in the community.
Adult Support Needed at Home	Yes (see next box for additional support to parents).

Additional support for parents	Each student will be assigned a mentor who will support and encourage the student in the online experience.
	Teachers will have regular office hours for parents and students. Some evening hours, after 6:00 pm, will be offered.
	A fall parent/teacher conference will be conducted online or in person, if safe, during September.
	A school age childcare (fee based) option is being explored. See survey.
	Regular technology training will be offered for parents (troubleshoot options and support).
	Students may contact their mentor with specific questions.
Specialists	Regular online classes for music, PE, and social skill instruction will be held.
Tutors	One-on-one tutors/mentors will be available for those students who struggle with accessing online instruction.
In -person instruction	This option will be provided on a limited basis when there is a county decline in COVID. Students may be invited to return by appointment in special cases based on needs and age. The initial priority will be given to students in TK -through 2nd grade and special education.
	We will make an attempt to schedule students on a specific day to help with scheduling for parents.
	Transportation will be provided.
	Outdoor STEM activity options in local parks may occur.
PTO community support	Small groups of parents and students will meet and support each other.
	Parent forum supports/facebook support.