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STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY SAFE**



**ONLINE LEARNING FAQ**

# **REOPENING PLAN 2020**

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## Online Learning

### **Question: Is there an option for my child to attend school online in the fall?**

Answer: Yes. We will offer full-time online learning in the fall.

### **Question: What will online school look like?**

Answer: Students that are enrolled in the online school option will maintain their connection to their brick and mortar schools. Our online curriculum is aligned to our in-person curriculum and keeps Detroit's unique culture in mind, reflecting the histories and community practices of people from diverse backgrounds. Students will be assigned to a teacher and will receive live, daily online instruction. Students will be expected to log in daily, complete daily assignments and will receive grades.

### **Question: What supports will my child receive if they participate online?**

Answer: Through the Connected Futures initiative, students will receive a device and mobile internet access. For students that are not eligible for Connected Futures, we will provide a loaner device at the start of school. Teachers and students will use the online learning platform of Schoology, Teams, and content area resources. Additionally, students will receive materials, such as planners and workbooks, to support online learning. Teachers will deliver live, daily instruction. Students will also have access to the Homework Hotline in the evening to receive personalized support.

### **Question: How will online learning system work? Will my child receive a grade?**

Answer: The District will rely on a new Learning Management System (LMS), which integrates with the Student Information System, to post assignments and grades. Students will be expected to complete daily assignments, both within the LMS and other online platforms, and will be given grades.

### **Question: Will my child interact with a teacher and/or student(s) each day?**

Answer: Yes. Students will be assigned to a teacher and will receive live, daily online instruction and will also interact with their other participating classmates.

### **Question: How will my child know who their teacher is?**

Answer: Families will receive a schedule for online learning and a teacher(s) will be assigned from their school.

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**Question: Will my child get a device for the upcoming school year?**

Answer: Yes, every DPSCD student will receive access to a free internet-enabled learning device with internet access, building on the Connected Futures effort from this spring and summer. If a student is not eligible for the Connected Futures program, the student will receive a loaner device at the start of the school year.

**Question: Can my child participate in extracurricular activities (e.g. sports, clubs) if they attend school online?**

Answer: Yes. Extracurricular activities, such as clubs, may be offered online, or students would be allowed to participate in person.

**Question: How do I tell the District if I want my child to participate in online learning?**

Answer: On Thursday, July 23, 2020, the District launched a survey to provide parents the opportunity to give their preference of online learning or face to face instruction. Click on <https://bit.ly/DPSCDReturn> to access the survey. New students will select online or face to face learning during the enrollment process.

**Question: Can I change my mind during the year about online learning or face to face instruction?**

Answer: Yes. Families will have an opportunity to change their initial decision before school begins and can update their decision quarterly.

**Question: How are teachers going to be able to manage an in-person classroom and an online classroom at the same time?**

Answer: In most schools, the District aspires to have full-time online students served by a dedicated teacher and students who are reporting to school for face to face instruction served by a different teacher. For large K-8 schools and High Schools, the District is procuring cameras for all core teachers to give them the ability to live stream or record lessons for students who may be participating in another location. That said, some students, either due to illness or other special circumstances, may not be able to come physically to school and will benefit from access to instruction during non-school hours. Online platforms will also be used during face to face instruction to make the transition between online and in person instruction seamless for students and educators.

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**Question: How will the district provide and ensure internet access for families and staff throughout the duration of the school year?**

Answer: The Connected Futures initiative entitles participating students to six months of mobile internet services, as well as access to support from human-I-T, a non-profit that provides technical support and low-cost internet sign up services. Through human-I-T, families needing a home broadband connection are provided information about low-cost internet. After searching for availability in your area, human-I-T then assists in signing you up and provides support at every step while troubleshooting issues. Visit: <https://human-i-t.org/internet4cf> or text: "INTERNET4CF" to 562-372-6925 to get started. Students who are unable to secure an in-home connection through human-I-T's support or who face housing insecurity will be eligible to seek support from the District for a continuation of LTE data services.

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