

Back To School With Distance Learning

SPS DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN FOR FALL 2020

Seven Peaks' distance learning 2.0 is a program that is designed to maximize synchronous (real time) learning time with the student's teachers, in all subject areas, and provide a daily schedule that closely matches the daily schedule of in-person learning while balancing appropriate levels of screen time.

WHAT PLATFORMS WILL WE BE USING?

Primary Platforms:



Middle School Platforms:



WHAT WILL THE DAILY SCHEDULE BE?

Lower Primary Sample Schedule

8-9:30 AM Core Learning Block
9:30-10 AM Break (At Home Snack/Recess)
10-11 AM Core Learning Block
11 AM -12 PM Lunch
12-2:15 PM Specials and Core Learning Block
2:15-3 PM Core Learning Block

*All classrooms will have a variation in schedule due to specials times.

Upper Primary Sample Schedule

8-8:55 AM Core Learning Block
8:55-9:45 AM Specials
9:45-10 AM Break (At Home Snack/Recess)
10-11 AM Core Learning Block
11 AM-12 PM Lunch
12-1:30 PM Core Learning Block
1:30-3 PM Specials and Core Learning Block

*All classrooms will have a variation in schedule due to specials times.

Middle School Schedules

Middle school schedules will follow their normal pattern. Students will receive their personalized schedules the week before the start of school.

IS DISTANCE LEARNING OPTIONAL?

The short answer is, no. This is how we are starting the school year. All subject areas will be taught and assessed. Attendance will be taken daily and tardies will be noted. To report absences or tardies email the teacher of the class your student will miss.

WHAT ROLE WILL PARENTS PLAY IN DAILY LEARNING?



Depending on the level of independence your child has, parents will need to make sure that students log on to their classes at the appropriate times throughout the day. Because of the increased live time with teachers throughout the day, the requirement on parents will be less than the distance learning programmed with offered last spring. Of course, younger children will need more guidance than older children. Parents will also need to facilitate snacks, lunch and recess times.

WHAT IS THE PARENT TO TEACHER COMMUNICATION EXPECTATION?

Teachers will have designated office hours each week for parent contact and will communicate with parents regularly at the beginning of each week. Included in that communication will be a "Week At A Glance" outlining your students schedule and work for the coming week.

HOW WILL MY STUDENT GET TO KNOW THEIR NEW TEACHER?

Stay tuned! We are exploring creative, safe ways to build the crucial relationships that are the foundation of a Seven Peaks education.



HOW CAN I BEST BEGIN TO PREPARE MY STUDENT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING?

Parents should plan to create a developmentally appropriate space that allows for consistent and regular live video time with their classroom teacher and peers. i.e. Table where child's feet can reach the floor, has access to supplies, limited distractions and surrounding noise. Teachers will prepare send home packets to be distributed by Peaks Parents as needed to supplement weekly lessons. School supplies will be outlined and provided by classroom teachers.

HOW WILL SEVEN PEAKS BE A DISTINCTLY IB SCHOOL THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING?

Seven Peaks will continue to deliver an IB education through our distance learning platform in many ways. Our inquiry based approach to teaching will continue to be at the forefront of our teachers unit planning, encouraging students to think about a problem rather than teachers just delivering content in a lecture. We will continue to provide lessons from our school counselor to support the whole child. We will continue to provide Professional Development for our staff on ways to build connection through our distance learning platform and address important learning skills that IB outlines (Thinking, Communicating, Social, Research & Self-management Skills). We will strive to create and modify units that are project based and encourage critical and creative thinking that increase student engagement. With our small class sizes our staff will work to create connections with each student and their family through this challenging time. Along with all of that, teachers will continue to teach, reflect, and celebrate the IB learner profile for each student and the whole school community



While this is not how anyone wishes the year to start, we are going to make the best of it at Seven Peaks! Our amazing faculty & staff have been preparing for this all summer and they are so excited to see you all (even if it's only on a screen). We are continually working on our plan to reopen and will do so as soon as the governor allows! Thank you all for your patience and flexibility, we are thankful to have you as a part of the SPS family!

- Dr. Adams