

Frequently Asked Questions about Virtual Learning

1. Will my child have the virtual learning option if he/she needs to self-isolate?

YES

2. Can my child participate in sports if they are enrolled in virtual learning?

YES

3. How will attendance be taken?

Attendance can be taken three ways. (Verbal) (Visual) (Written)

- (Verbal) Students participating in a phone call with the teacher or parent/legal guardian support as appropriate for the age of the student.
- (Visual) Students participating in synchronous virtual instruction
- (Written) Students completing and submitting work in Google Classroom

4. How will attendance work?

The Hancock County students participating in the virtual option will be held accountable in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and school board policies. **Parents have the legal responsibility to be accountable for their student's attendance under state law.** Virtual School staff will monitor violations of the state attendance laws, report truant students to both the district truancy officer and the proper legal authorities where applicable.

5. How will students be held accountable for virtual learning?

Students participating in virtual learning are required to meet all assignment deadlines. Students are required to communicate with their teachers and attendance will be taken daily.

5. When do I have to decide if I want my child to participate in virtual learning?

The deadline is July 29, 2020 at 12:00pm.

6. Can I change my mind from virtual learning and go back to the traditional classroom setting before school starts?

Yes, you may change your mind up until Wednesday August 5, 2020. Once school begins you must stay with the option you have chosen until the 9 weeks is up.

7. When do we log in for assignments?

It is recommended to log in during instructional time, but not mandated. Schedules will be uploaded on Aspen. You may log in anytime during the day to access assignments and work. Keep in mind teachers will only be available for questions during the school day. If you ask a question after the instructional day is over, the teacher will respond the next day.

8. How many hours a day will my child be working?

Students are expected to work 6.5 hours a day.

9. Will my child need to log in a certain time for class, or will the time no matter?

You can log in anytime but we recommend interaction with the teacher. You will be counted present as long as you make contact with the teacher each day.

10. What about books and materials?

The teacher will instruct you on the use of books and materials. Many classes will have access codes for online textbooks to use during class. If you need a textbook the teacher will let you know and the school will schedule a pick up.

11. What if I do not have access to the internet?

If a student does not have internet accessibility available at home, the school district will ensure timely and consistent accessibility by providing Wifi access in the parking lot of both Hancock County Elementary School and Hancock County High/Middle School. The Wifi access will remain open for all Hancock County Schools users in the event of closures.

12. What do I do if I do not have a device for my child?

The school system is making a priority list of homes that are in need of a device. Based on the results of the virtual learning intent. We will let you know after August 5, 2020 if you are eligible for a device and how to pick those up.

13. If my child is really struggling with the transition, is it possible to meet in person with the teacher?

Yes, during school hours at a scheduled appointment time.

14. How do I find out my child's aspen account?

For middle/high school students, you can call the school at (423)733-4611 or you can email deborah.gibson@hcsk12.com or tara.marion@hcsk12.com.

For elementary students, you can call the school at (423)733-2534 and speak to Sandra Fleenor.