

Hancock County Schools

Department of Special Education

Virtual Learning Plan

For students with individualized education programs (IEPs), Hancock County Schools must ensure that students have access to the educational opportunities provided to all students. Hancock County Schools will provide the special education and related services identified in the students' IEPs, to the greatest extent possible. Present exceptional circumstances may affect how special education and related services are provided, and school district may not be able to provide all services in the same manner that they are typically provided. However, federal disability law allows for flexibility in determining how to meet the individualized needs of students receiving special education services.

- Students with identified disabilities that have chosen to participate in virtual learning in place of traditional face to face learning will be provided services by a variety of methods. Provision of Special Education and Related Services (PT, OT, Speech) could be performed virtually (Zoom), online (Google Classrooms or Seesaw) or Teletherapy. In the most significant cases, home visits may be an option, with the consideration of health concerns and CDC, local health department and TDOE guidelines.
- Services and Frequency of Special Education and Related Services during virtual learning, will be determined by individual student needs and support level.
- In Special Education no plan is a one size fits all!!
- Parents will be contacted by their child's Special Education case manager or related service provider to create a plan that works for the student and family.
- A schedule will be provided to the parents with instructions and supports.
- Students with more complex needs may receive weekly material to utilize during one-on-one virtual instruction with the Special Education teacher (task boxes, communication cards for upcoming lessons, etc.).
- Supports to utilize in the home for parents will be provided by the student's Special Education teacher.
- Students requiring accommodations or modification to the general education content, will be provided by the Special Education teacher.
- All students receiving Special Education services will receive contact and support from their Special Education teacher or instructional assistant either daily, biweekly, or weekly, as

determined during their assessment of needs and could change to accommodate the student at any time.

Parents should direct concerns to their child's Special Education teacher or case manager to bring awareness of their concerns or their child's need.

The Hancock County Schools Department of Special Education does not have the ability to supply technology for all students. For students receiving services who do not have access to technology, the Special Education Department will make considerations prioritized by student need and circumstance.

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