

## Distance Learning FAQs

During the 2020-21 school year, families had the option of sending their children to campus for face-to-face instruction or participating in our Distance Learning Program (DLP). During the 2021-22 school year, face-to-face instruction is the primary means of delivering instruction. However, in the event a student is required to quarantine due to being in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they may participate in our DLP. Students may also participate in distance learning if they tested positive for COVID-19 but are otherwise feeling well.

### Elgin Elementary Distance Learning Program (DLP)

If you would like your child to participate in our DLP while he/she is in quarantine, please contact your child's teacher. At the end of the following school day, the teacher will provide, either:

- a school laptop or tablet to enable your child to participate in class remotely, or
- instructional packets to enable your child to complete assignment while away from class.

If the daily assignments are completed, prior to returning to school, the student will be marked present.

As always, Elgin Elementary staff are available to provide support!

If, for any reason, we are required to close campus in the future, we are prepared to return to our DLP.

### Questions and Answers re: DLP

#### **Q: What happens if I don't have a strong Internet signal at my home?**

Our goal is to ensure that every student is able to access the internet in their home. If for any reason you are unable to connect, please call the school and ask to speak to Mr. Leonard Sadorf.

#### **Q: Will I be able to receive print materials if I am not able to access the work?**

Yes, hard copies of materials will be available for pick-up at the school, at the parent's request

#### **Q: What curriculum will be used for distance learning?**

Your child(ren) will receive a high-quality learning experience provided by the Elgin School teachers using the same standards-based curriculum used in our classrooms.

#### **Q: How will the distance learning curriculum be different from in-classroom curriculum?**

The curriculum presented will be the same whether your child is learning in the classroom or through the distance learning program. However, some instructional activities may not be able to be duplicated at home. When this is the case, our teachers will provide an alternate distance learning assignment.

#### **Q: How will my child's social and emotional needs be met through distance learning?**

We recognize the importance of face-to-face interaction between students, and with teachers. Integrated into the distance learning program will be opportunities for students to collaborate with each other through synchronous full class and small group work.

**Q: If my child participates in the Elgin Elementary Distance Learning Program, will he/she be expected to sit in front of the computer all day?**

A. No. Just like face-to-face instruction, your child(ren) will participate in a variety of learning activities, both on and off screen.

**Q: What will my child's daily schedule look like?**

In general, core instruction will be scheduled from 7:30 AM to 1:15 PM each day, with project-based learning, enrichments, homework help, and tutoring occurring each afternoon until 3:00 PM, Monday – Thursday. Fridays will remain early dismissal days ending at 1:15 PM.

**Q: How will I know if my child is staying caught up in their schoolwork?**

Teachers will update parents on their child's progress regularly through text, email, apps, and phone calls. Elgin School began utilizing a new on-line grade book system during the 2020-21 year which has an added feature (among other improvements) of being able to contact parents directly from the grade book.

**Q: How do I (parent) get help understanding all the technology my child will be using?**

A. Please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

**Q: How do I contact my child's teachers?**

A. Contact information can be found on the district website or by calling the school office.

**Q: What if more than one child needs my help accessing instruction at the same time?**

Teachers will try to anticipate when this could be a challenge for families with multiple young children and plan ahead appropriately; however, please alert teachers right away if this becomes an issue.

**Q: Will my child still have access to specials such as PE and Library?**

In the event of a school closure or when in quarantine, Coach Harper and Mrs. Coleman will be teaching through the distance learning program.

**Q: Will my child still have access to special education services?**

Yes, our special education director, Dr. Christine Clouse, will be ensuring that your child receives all the accommodations and services as outlined in their Individualized Education (IEP) or 504 plans. Meetings will be conducted virtually during campus closure. Specialized instruction and support for your child's learning needs will continue.

**Q: Will my child still have access to Title 1 services?**

Yes, Title 1 support will be available.

**Q: Will my child still have access to school counseling services?**

Yes, Mr. Harper will continue to provide school counseling services.

**Q: Will my child still have access to speech and language services?**

Yes, Mrs. Lyman will be providing speech and language services for students as outlined in the student's IEP.

**Q: Will my child be able to receive school breakfast and lunch?**

In the event of a school closure, students participating in the Distance Learning Program will be able to order a meal through our Food Service Program. Please refer to the Food Services page of our website for more detailed information or contact Ms. Paul at mpaul@elgink12.com with any questions.

**Q: What happens if I decline to have my child participate in Elgin School's distance learning program?**

If your child is not going to participate in the distance learning program (during the time when it is the only option for school attendance) you will need to withdraw your child from Elgin School.

If you prefer not to have your child participate in our DLP, while in quarantine, your child will be marked absence. Like any other absence, we will do our best to help your child catch up on missing work when he/she returns.

**Q: If my child is enrolled at Elgin Elementary through open enrollment and I withdraw them, will I be able to re-enroll them when campus opens for face-to-face instruction?**

Former Elgin students will be given priority when considering open enrollment applications. However, every effort will be made to limit class sizes so that social distancing can be maintained in the classroom. If re-admitting an open enrollment student will increase class-size to the point that social distancing cannot be maintained in the classroom, open enrollment applications may be declined, even for students who previously attended Elgin Elementary.

**Q: Will attendance be taken during distance learning?**

Yes, attendance will be taken by your child's teacher based upon participation and work completed.

**Q: What if my child is sick and cannot participate in the day's distance learning activities?**

Please call the office to report an absence just as you would if your child was attending school in-person.