



# **REMOTE LEARNING PLAN**

2019 - 2020

## **Granite City School District CUSD#9**

**This was a collaborative effort between administration and members of the  
Granite City Federation of Teachers Union, Local 743**



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## OVERVIEW/INTRODUCTION

The Granite City School District Remote Learning Plan was put together collaboratively by teachers, school psychologists, social workers and district administration.

This plan is to be used during the current mandate, which does not allow for traditional, face-to-face learning in the classroom. The Remote Learning Plan will instead focus on student learning from home, by use of technology and/or paper-based learning packets.

Curriculum covered during this time will be aligned to state standards, while preserving the diverse needs of all students. The district will view your child's participation in the distance learning plan as your permission to use the platforms necessary to provide instruction.



## **IMPORTANT A,B,C's TO REMEMBER DURING THIS TIME**

**A**ll teachers will reach out to all students on their class roster. The purpose of this communication is to check on the welfare of the child and see if they are in need.

**B**y continually using curriculum aligned to the state standards, students will have a better chance of staying on course (as much as possible) with their work.

**C**hromebooks may be loaned to students who do not have access to technology, but whose teachers are using digital curriculum.

**D**igital curriculum is being used by many teachers and may include the use of Google Classroom, or through other methods teachers utilize.

**E**ducation during this time will focus on student learning and not on compliance. We want to make sure that students are receiving materials from their teacher and that they have access to their teacher if they have questions about the work.

**F**ood will be handed out at Coolidge Junior High School, Granite City High School, Prather Elementary and Wilson Elementary Schools on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**G**rading will be explained further in this plan, however, the important thing to remember is that student grades will not be lowered during this time. Student grades can only be improved upon.

**H**elp is available! Social workers and school psychologists are still available to those who need them. Please contact 451-5800 if needing these services.

**I**t is important for students to complete as much of their school work as they can during this time, so they finish this school year as strong as possible and for high school students to stay on pace to graduate and/or graduate on time.

**J**oin Skyward if you haven't already. This is a great way to check on your child's grades and keep up with their work. Please call 451-5800 for help.

**K**eep checking the Granite City School District 9 website for updated information. Also, don't forget to look us up on Facebook where Superintendent Greenwald continues to post new information there as well.



## METHODS OF REMOTE LEARNING

### Learning packets (paper-based)

These are primarily used for the elementary grade levels, but there are also learning packets being used at the junior and senior high school levels. The distribution of the packets will be discussed in more detail on page 13. Students are strongly advised and expected to complete as much of this work as possible. Due to the current mandate, teachers are not allowed in large groups at their building, so student work is not being collected at school buildings during this time. Please be sure to keep all completed work in the hope of returning back to school this year. This is important, because students can still improve their grade. However, in order to improve their grade, they will have to submit their work when and how that is eventually decided.

*The collection of Learning Packets will be determined based upon the continuation of the Remote Learning Days approved by the Governor.*

### Digital Instruction and Learning

There are many teachers using Google Classroom with their assignments. Please be sure that your child has their Google code in order to access their work. Students may email their teacher for their code, if they do not know it, or have forgotten it. When providing remote instruction and virtual learning opportunities, we cannot necessarily ensure confidentiality. The District personnel will take all reasonable steps to guarantee confidentiality. However, the district cannot control or guarantee confidentiality held on a remote platform.

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## **METHODS OF REMOTE LEARNING**

### **Evening Academy**

Mr. Mathes is the administrator in charge of the Evening Academy and he can be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30-11:00 a.m. at 451-5808 ext. 2510. Mr. Mathes uses the Remind app to communicate with Evening Academy students regularly throughout the year and will continue to do so during this Remote Learning time. Teachers in this program will be responsible for reaching out to the students on their class roster to check on their welfare and making sure students get their work. Evening Academy students will be expected, as with all other students, to turn in the work that has been assigned to them.

### **Remote Learning Devices**

The distribution of electronic devices can only take place with the proper documentation and signatures of administration, student and parent. The decision to distribute electronic devices will be determined by administration.



## RECOMMENDED STUDENT STUDY TIME FOR REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Pre-K	20 minutes/day	60 minutes/day
K	30 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
1 - 2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day
3 - 5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes/day
6 - 8	Class: 15 min/day Total: 90 min/day	Class: 30 min/day Total: 180 min/day
9 - 12	Class: 20 min/day Total: 120 min/day	Class: 45 min/day Total: 270 min/day

*\*These times are only recommended and are for combined (online, teacher and student engagement and/or student independent work).*



## GRADING

Student learning is the focus during this time. Grading during this specific Remote Learning time will focus on the assessment of learning. As stated earlier, students' grades will not be harmed during this time and can only be improved upon the grade that they were making as of the last day of school attendance on March 16, 2020.

### **Elementary (K-6)**

All grades are cumulative through the end of Quarter 3. Assignments during the Remote Learning Days will be assessed for learning. Students can only improve the grade they were receiving in class as of March 16, 2020. In order to improve their grade, students must complete the lessons assigned to them. Retentions will be determined by administration and classroom teachers.

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# GRADING

## Coolidge Junior High School

Students will follow a Pass/Incomplete format.

- An “Incomplete” may result if the student does not participate in remote learning at any level. A “Pass” will be assigned to students who engage with the learning material even if they struggle with accuracy or competency.
- Teachers may provide feedback in the form of a grade, a percentage, or participation/completion, however all 4th quarter grades will be “pass” or “incomplete”. No student shall receive a failing grade and will instead be assigned an “incomplete” grade.
- Students can only improve the grade they were receiving in class as of March 16, 2020. In order to improve their grade, students must complete the lessons assigned to them. Teachers will determine the level of engagement.
- The parent/student focus should be on continued learning and working in partnership with the teachers to maximize educational opportunities.

**8th Grade Students:** Freshman courses and Secondary Honors courses will not be impacted by the school closure and the registration status for the 2020-2021 school year remains as it was prior to March 16, 2020.

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# GRADING

## Granite City High School

Students will follow a Pass/Incomplete format.

- An “Incomplete” may result if the student does not participate in remote learning at any level.
  - Students receiving an “Incomplete” will not receive credit for the course and will receive a withdrawal on their transcript.
  - Students being withdrawn from courses will repeat those courses fully in future semesters, if required for graduation.
  - An “Incomplete” will be reviewed by building administration, guidance counselor, and/or teacher.
- Students can only improve the grade they were receiving in class as of March 16, 2020.
- In order to improve their grade, students must complete the lessons assigned to them.
- Teachers will provide feedback and/or grades for the work submitted by a student.

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# GRADING

## Granite City High School (Cont.)

- For students who **complete the assigned 4th Quarter work**, the grades will be calculated in two ways:
  - Grades will be reviewed to see if improvement occurred. If a grade improves, that is the grade submitted for the spring of 2020 semester.
  - If the grade did not improve, the grade will default to the 3rd Quarter grade.
- Situations involving senior students will be dealt with on a case by case basis through consultation with administration, guidance counselor and/or teacher.

### Dual Credit Courses

Students will continue to receive letter grades in all dual credit courses; this is necessary so students can receive college credit. A student enrolled in a dual credit course may drop the course if they are not happy with their grade at the end of the semester. High School credit may still be given if the student chooses to drop the dual credit portion of the course. There will be no refund for any student choosing this option.



## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES**

To ensure the services of special education students, students with special needs will have assignments modified or provided based on their IEP goals from their special education teacher, or related service provider. Special education teachers will be available via their school email.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### **April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Continue Remote Learning Days and Activities based upon current practice

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Break

### **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

This timeframe will be used for teacher planning days. Teachers will put together academic plans up to April 30th. This time will also be used for completing academic lesson plans for the remainder of the school year, as a contingency plan.

### **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Last Day of School



## **HOMEWORK PACKETS**

### **Previous Packets were provided on:**

Packet #1 (Curriculum covering) March 17<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup>

Packet #2 (Curriculum covering) March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Upcoming Packets will be provided on:**

Packet #3 (Curriculum covering) April 14<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>

- **Elementary Packets**

Distribution dates will be April 14<sup>th</sup> - April 17<sup>th</sup>

From 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- **Secondary Packets** (\*If google classroom is unavailable)

- **Coolidge**

Distribution dates will be April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

From 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- **Granite City High School**

Contact High School Office @ 451-5808 to schedule appointment

### **If Remote Learning is Extended, Packets will be provided on:**

Packet #4 (Curriculum covering) May 4<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup>



## RESOURCES

The following phone numbers may be made available to parents that may be facing crisis:

**Children's Home and Aide: 618-452-8900**

**Chestnut Health Systems: 618-877-4420**

**Centerstone Counseling: 618-462-2331**

**DCFS: 1-800-252-2873**

**Community Care Center: 618-876-8770**

**TWIGS: 314-454-0447**

### **Spectrum Free Broadband**

Spectrum is offering free broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days with K-12 students who do not already have a Spectrum subscription. To access, please call 1-844-488-8395.

### **AT&T**

Unlimited home internet is offered to families with qualifying limited income for \$10/month. For more information, call AT&T or click on the link below:

### **Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)**

Possible free/low-cost service providers and many other free online learning resources for students of all ages:



## **Remote Learning Evaluation**

After the implementation of the remote learning period, a survey will be sent to parents, staff and students and feedback will be evaluated.

