Virtual Learning FAQ

For answers to specific questions or to learn more, please email hyde.addison@k12.dc.gov.

Q | Will immunizations be required for SY20-21?
A | Per DCPS guidance, immunizations will be required for in-person attendance. Ensuring your child receives the right vaccinations at the right age is one of the most important ways to help them stay healthy and keep serious diseases at a distance. When we do return to in-person instruction, students who have not received their required immunizations will have 20 school days to provide immunization certification or they will be removed from in-person attendance and transitioned to virtual learning until the necessary immunization documentation is received. Please visit the DC Health website for a detailed schedule of required immunizations and this FAQ for more information.

Q | How will attendance be taken during virtual learning?
A | Attendance will be recorded based on the student logging into Canvas each day between 6:00 am and 11:59 pm. Canvas participation will be transferred to a student’s Aspen attendance record on a daily basis. Teachers will monitor participation in live instruction as well as tracking successful engagement with online learning activities.

Q | What should I do if I do not have a computer/tablet, and/or wifi for my child to use?
A | DCPS will provide families with a device and/or internet access, free of charge. Please email hyde.addison@k12.dc.gov or call the school at 202-282-0170 to indicate your technology needs.

Q | How will the school communicate with families?
A | Our schoolwide newsletter will continue to be sent by email every Friday afternoon. The newsletter platform allows for automatic translation in over 50 languages to support families from diverse language backgrounds. Teachers communicate with families through newsletters on a regular basis, during 3 formal Parent Teacher Conferences, and by appointment as needed.

Q | Can DCPS teachers or staff babysit or tutor my child outside of virtual learning?
A | The general DC Government ethics rules have strict provisions regarding outside employment and conflicts of interest. Those provisions serve to prohibit staff members from tutoring or babysitting students at a school where the staff member is employed, prohibit staff members from advertising themselves as DCPS employees to make them more competitive for additional earned income, and prohibit the use of District government resources to advertise or promote any outside business activity.

Q | Will students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) receive services during virtual learning?
A | Students with IEP and 504 plans will follow the same grade-level appropriate systems and structures as general education. IEP and 504 services will be delivered virtually in collaboration with teachers and parents. Teachers and parents of students with IEPs will collaborate on individualized distance learning addendums at the beginning of the school year. The addendums do not replace the IEP.

Q | What if I don’t understand how to support my child’s learning or use of the online platforms?
A | Every teacher has office hours on Wednesdays to support your individual needs, by appointment. Reach out to them to schedule time to work together and give yourself grace; this is new for everyone!