

New Castle Schools Student /Family FAQ - Virtual Learning

November 30th - December 11th 2020 and January 4th - 15th 2021

Q: What dates will students have virtual instruction?

A: Our current plan for virtual instruction for ALL k-12 New Castle students, as mandated by the Henry County Health Department, is November 30, 2020 - December 11, 2020 (we will return to schools on Monday, December 14th) and January 4, 2021- January 15, 2021 (we will return to schools Tuesday, January 19, 2021). **Monday, January 18, is a holiday in observance of MLK Day and there is no school.**

Q: How will grades K-1 students receive instruction?

A: Your child will receive a packet of work along with their Chromebook and charger. Drop off and pick up for new packets will be coordinated by your school. Teachers will be posting lessons on Google Classroom for instructional purposes in order to help the students complete the packet work with better understanding. There may also be online learning platforms used virtually that are also used in the classroom already to supplement instruction. Continue to communicate with your child's teacher through Google Classroom, email, or other class apps used already.

Your child's teacher will post important information through these means of communication.

Q: How will grades 2-6 students receive instruction?

A: Your child should have his or her Chromebook and charger at home. Some students may also have classroom textbooks or papers to complete throughout the virtual learning window. Students are to participate similarly to how they do when they are in the building. Teachers will be posting LIVE or recorded Math and ELA lessons daily. Students can participate in LIVE lessons or watch the video recordings at another time each day. Google Classroom, email, and other classroom apps will be used to communicate updated information to you.

Q: How will grades 7-12 students receive instruction?

A: Grades 7-12 students will follow their daily schedule and attend LIVE sessions at the start of each class. At that time, teachers will take attendance, present the whole group instruction LIVE, or introduce the learning goals for the day and the pre-recorded video of instruction for the students to watch.

Q: How will attendance be taken for these mandatory virtual days for all elementary students?

A: K-6 students: Attendance will be taken for every instructional day. The attendance Google Form to be completed daily will be found on your child's Google Classroom. Students need to complete the Form at some point of **EACH** day in order to be counted as present for the school day.

A: 7-12 students: Attendance will be taken by the teacher during each class session daily. Students need to participate **EACH** day in order to be counted as present for the school day.

Q: What if my child is sick and can not participate virtually one day?

A: If a student is too ill to participate, please call your school to report the absence. **It is very important for the school to be made aware of a positive COVID test result or other COVID related issues as well.*

Q: How will learning virtually affect my student's IEP?

A: Students with IEPs will continue to receive services as noted in the IEP and their Teacher of Record will contact families to remind them of the framework for all provisions. Please contact your child's Teacher of Record with any questions.

Q: How can I best track my child's success with virtual learning?

A: PowerSchool access is very important for parents during virtual learning. If you do not have your PowerSchool account set up, please contact your school office staff.

Q: What should I do if my student has technology problems with internet access or their device?

A: If your child has any technology needs, please call the school office. The NC Technology Office is also available to assist if necessary @ 765-593-6691.

Q: Can I still pick up meals during this virtual learning timeframe?

A: Meals are available for students 18 years and younger. Pick up will be 3-5 PM Mondays starting November 30, 2020 at New Castle High School. Students will receive 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches and you do not have to sign up ahead.

Q: Who are my points of contact with questions concerning classroom instruction, participation, etc?

A: Please contact the teacher first. Other points of contact can be the school principal, counselor, school Family Support Specialist, virtual coordinator, or tech department staff.

Q: Will we have athletics during the virtual days?

A: As with all of our decisions, we will continue to be consistent with what is deemed permissible by the State Department of Health and the Henry County Health Department. As of this moment they are still scheduled to take place with spectators limited to 25% of the capacity of the venue. This status is subject to change. We will continue to communicate with the HC Health Department to evaluate the status of all extracurricular activities. Please check with the coach of your particular extracurricular activity for updates.

Q: Will we have choral and band performances during virtual days?

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Please refer to our updated [New Castle Virtual Academy](#) framework document on our website and also linked here for further clarification on instruction, attendance, and support for virtual learning k-12.