



Distance Learning FAQ 2020-2021



INSTRUCTIONAL QUESTIONS

- ★ **What is distance learning?**
Distance learning means your child will be going to school virtually from home. They will still have a teacher and classmates but instruction will take place online instead of in the classroom.
- ★ **What will be expected of my child?**
Students will be expected to have a designated learning space at home where they can work. There will be live lessons with their teacher as well as opportunities for them to work independently & in small groups.
- ★ **Is it required that my students participate in distance education?**
If your child is registered in CCSD, they are required to participate in distance education. Attendance will be taken daily just like if they were learning in the building.
- ★ **What if I'm working and my child is home alone?**
We understand that families have had to make adjustments to their schedules since school campuses are closed. Teachers will do everything possible to promote independence for students but younger students will need parental assistance. Teachers will maintain schedules to help with this process but it will require a joint effort from family members to ensure students are learning at home.
- ★ **When will my child meet their teacher?**
Our Virtual Meet & Greet will take place on Friday, August 21st. Teachers will be reaching out to share their Meet & Greet times with you. This is a time for families to meet their child's teacher and receive additional information about the classroom expectations. This is not a time for individual conferences.
- ★ **What time will my child be expected to be on the computer?**
Each grade level will have their own schedule and teachers will communicate this information with you at their upcoming Meet & Greet sessions.
- ★ **Will my child see his/her teacher every day?**
Yes, students will have virtual lessons daily with their teachers in each subject each day.
- ★ **When will my child eat lunch?**
Please see your child's daily schedule for lunch times. We have kept the instructional day as similar to a typical on ground classroom day. Please know that you can make adjustments to your child's lunch schedule as it best fits your families needs.
- ★ **Will my child's work be graded?**
Yes, many of the independent activities your students complete will be graded and put into the online gradebook in the parent portal on Infinite Campus.

RESOURCES QUESTIONS

- ★ **What if we don't have a computer?**
If you are in need of a device, please contact the office at 702-799-4300 as soon as possible.
- ★ **What if we don't have internet access?**
Please be on the lookout for more information coming from the District to assist with internet connectivity.
- ★ **Will my child receive paper copies of their work?**
Teachers will make paper copy arrangements only for families without access to technology.
- ★ **What do we do if my child needs school supplies we don't have?**
We will be deploying student materials, to those that indicate the need, to help families ensure they have the necessary supplies for students to learn at home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

★ **If my child has an IEP, will they still be receiving their extra assistance?**

Yes, our special education teachers are working with our general education teachers to ensure student IEP minutes are met in the classroom or in small groups with the resource teachers. Resource teachers will reach out to families to talk about the student schedule once they are finalized.

★ **If my child has a 504, will he/she still receive their accommodations?**

Yes, students with 504s will still have their accommodations met, however with distance learning, there may be adaptations needed. Please talk with your child's teacher about any concerns you have with your child's 504.

★ **Will my child still have access to the school counselor?**

Yes, Mrs. Blinder, our new counselor, will be working with teachers to schedule classroom lessons and will be available to work with students. Parents can talk with their child's teacher about any concerns they have or reach out to Mrs. Blinder at blinddn@nv.ccsd.net

★ **Will my child be allowed to AR test during distance learning?**

We are currently working with the Accelerated Reader parent company to determine a way for students to take AR tests and record their quizzes on their Reading Superstars trackers. More information will be provided once we have this information.

★ **Will the school be keeping the "House System" this year?**

YES! We are working to determine a way for new to Smith students and kindergarten students to get a house assigned and get them their house shirts. We are still planning to have students earn house points and administration will work to introduce the new ways students can earn points and some of the other changes made to the House System this year.

★ **What do I do if I need assistance with anything else?**

Please call the front office at 702-799-4300.

★ **When will students go back to school in the building?**

We must follow the guidelines set forth by the Governor and the CDC. As it stands right now, students will be in distance learning for the first 90 school days of this year. As we approach the end of the first semester, the District will work to assess the situation while following the guidelines set forth by the Governor and CDC to determine if we are able to return to learning in the building. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

★ **Are there resources available to help families with distance education?**

Yes, we've included several resources below and on our school website. Our website can be found by going to <http://www.helenmariesmith.org/>

1. Getting Started with Canvas as a Student - <https://venngage.net/pl/hSFjVqLu9A>
2. Google Guide for Parents - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zu8hvY-xH5d-bSEPoAWtl3PzB7GQqX2Z?usp=sharing>
3. Parent Guide: Support Your Child During Virtual Learning - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zu8hvY-xH5d-bSEPoAWtl3PzB7GQqX2Z?usp=sharing>
4. F.A.C.E.S. Learning Opportunities - <http://faces.ccsd.net/university-of-family-learning-ufi/online-courses/>

★ **What do I do if I need to contact my child's teacher?**

Please check with your child's teacher to find their preferred method of communication. This will also be discussed at the upcoming Meet & Greet sessions.

★ **What do I do if I need to contact administration?**

Please feel free to call the office and leave a message or send us an email at myersjl@nv.ccsd.net (Ms. Wright - Principal). We will share our assistant principal's name and email once one is appointed.

TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS

★ **How does my child log on to their device?**

Students will use their AD login to log on to their Chromebooks.

★ **What is my child's Active Directory login?**

Students will use their Active Directory login (AD login) for many things. Their AD login is the first part of their school Gmail address. Their AD login password is the same as their Google email password.

For example - John Superstar has an email address john.7027994300@nv.ccsd.net

-His AD login is: john.7027994300

-Password: same as his email password.

★ **What is Clever?**

Clever is digital dashboard for students to access several different school-based resources with a single login.

★ **How does my child log on to Clever?**

Students will use their AD logins to access their Clever dashboards. From here, they can get into their Canvas accounts as well as other programs used by the school.

★ **What is Canvas?**

Canvas is the Learning Management System students will use to complete assignments, watch recorded lessons, and interact with their teacher and classmates.

★ **How does my child log on to Canvas?**

Students will use their AD logins to access their Canvas account. From here, they can access their classroom materials and lessons.

★ **What is Google Meet?**

Google Meet is an online meeting tool where students can login to live lessons with their teachers. Google Meet can be accessed through links your teachers will send to you. Teachers will also use Google Meet for small group work.

★ **How does my child log on to Google Meet?**

Teachers will provide a weekly schedule with each of the live lessons scheduled. Students will need to click into the lessons through the links provided by the teachers.

★ **Why will my child's live sessions be recorded?**

All live sessions will be recorded and shared on the teachers Canvas page in case a student misses a lesson and needs to make up the work.

★ **Can the school see what my child accesses on their device?**

Yes, please be reminded that the devices checked out from the school are CCSD property. The school will pull a weekly GoGuardian report which will notify administrators of any inappropriate activity or searches.