

CONCORDIA CHARTER SCHOOL, Inc.
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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

In response to Governor Ducey's executive order issued June 29th, Concordia Charter School started the school year on July 20th as planned through remote learning for all students. Remote learning will continue until it is safe to provide in-person instruction. On August 6th the Arizona Department of Health Services released Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction Benchmarks. We will be monitoring these benchmarks closely. We will update you weekly on the AHDS Benchmarks and let families know as soon as possible when it is safe for students to return for in-person instruction.

While we wait for in-person instruction to resume we will continue with distance learning. Someone will personally contact each family to see what your family's needs are. We will be providing in-person services to those with IEPs and those students with ELL needs. We will also be providing a place for students without the ability to access the online platform.

As communicated in earlier letters the school will be providing free breakfast and lunch to all students. Please visit the Concordia Charter School's website for updates on the NSPL breakfast and lunch program.

Everyone who comes on campus will be required to wear a mask. The school will not be providing masks so please ensure your students have their own. ADHS, in partnership with ADOA and other state agencies, has created a program to provide free cloth masks to vulnerable populations across the State of Arizona. This program is being expanded to allow Arizona parents and school staff to order cloth reusable masks. Order cloth masks on the online request form or by phone at 602-542-8664. These cloth masks will be shipped directly to residential addresses in Arizona. Five (5) cloth masks will be shipped per order, free of charge.

Remote learning will include daily attendance and required daily assignments for students. There will be two options for students to complete their assignments. Someone from the school will be contacting you soon to ask which option is best for your family.

Option 1: Distance Learning via the internet

- Students will need to have access to a computer or tablet of their own.
- Students will need to have access to the internet.
- Assignments will be done daily on MobyMax or Freckle, depending on the child's grade level.

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- Attendance will be based on if daily assignments are completed. Days that assignments are not completed students will be marked as absent, and those absences will go against their allowed 18 days per year.
- Students may choose to transition to in-person when available or continue with Distance Learning.
- Teachers will provide feedback on student work and issue grades.
- The special education team will work with families to schedule required in-person services.
- Teachers will work with families with ELL students to schedule required in-person service if needed and when appropriate.

Option 2: Distance Learning via Paper Packets

- Paper packets need to be picked up every Monday after 8:00 AM.
- Paper packets have to be returned to the school by 4:00 PM the following Monday.
- Attendance will be based on the daily packet work that is turned back in on time. If packets are not complete or are not turned in weekly, students will be marked absent for those days and will go against their allowed 18 days per year.
- Students will need parents or older students in the home to help with the teaching of new concepts.
- The special education team will work with families to schedule required in-person services.
- Teachers will work with families with ELL students to schedule required in-person service if needed and when appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Margaret Roush-Meier and Brooke Jerde

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