

HLO Distance Learning Rules

Distance learning is a new format for teaching and learning in Minnesota. This is one option for students who have health conditions (covid-19 or other related) that make it dangerous for them to be in school. It is NOT an option for students who would otherwise not be in school on a given day.

Distance learning, (unless declared by the school) is not something students move in and out of for a day or two. It is a commitment of at least 7-10 days. Students are eligible to distance learn **only** under the following circumstances, and **only** if a parent or legal guardian calls the school to inform and arrange their student's distance learning, OR the school requires it due to exposure or current conditions in the district:

- 1) Student and family have decided, based on the health and conditions of the student and/or family members that their student(s) will distance learn for the semester.
- 2) Student is quarantined due to exposure to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.
- 3) As deemed necessary by Superintendent.

Distance learning is **NOT** recommended nor is it an option for the following reasons:

- 1) Students who are sick- these students should have a parent call the office to report they are sick. They will return to school when they are well.
- 2) Students who are on vacation- these students should report their vacations in advance to the office and receive the work they will miss ahead of time.
- 3) Students who decide to stay home on a given day- this would likely be an unexcused absence due to Minnesota's compulsory school attendance law.

The school day for distance learners will remain the same 8:05-3:15pm unless otherwise specified by the district.

Teachers will be available for student questions and assistance throughout the day depending on the learning model currently in use for the district. If students are attending In-Person, then teachers will be available to distance learners between 7:30 am and 8:05 am, as well as 3:15pm-3:30pm with other times by appointment (dependent on the teacher's availability and breaks). When the entire district is distance learning, teachers will be available to students between 8 am and 3:30 pm daily.

If distance learners are struggling with technical issues on their devices, they should contact the districts technology specialist at 507-853-4507 ext. 1307. For all other issues, students should contact their individual teachers via email (located on the school website under faculty) or by phone (available by calling the main office 507-853-4507).

Attendance for distance learning is taken by each individual teacher, just as it is during a normal In-Person school day. Distance learners are responsible for learning how their teachers want them to check in for attendance and complete that activity by 8:05 daily, unless otherwise specified.