



**Dayton Early College Academy**

# Remote Learning

Guidance for Parents Supporting Our Students Through Distance Learning



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**01:**

# Remote Learning Overview

## **Grades K-2:      Class Dojo**

- **Paper packets:** Available via the website, Dojo, and pick up at PREP
- **Interactive Activities:** Google Hangouts/Meet or Zoom

## **Grades 3-12:      Google Classroom**

- **Interactive Activities:** Google Hangouts/Meet or Zoom

**Schedule/Calendar:** Teachers (or the grade level as appropriate) will provide a schedule for students to follow.

**Morning Meeting/Advisory:** At least a few times each week, teachers will schedule interactive morning meetings or advisory times to touch base with their classes and allow students to check-in with each other.

**Daily Availability:** Teachers will let their students know when they are available to support their learning and to answer questions.

**Posting Assignments:** Teachers will use Dojo or Google Classroom to post assignments and resources.

**Grades:** Teachers will update their gradebooks at least once per week.

Grade Levels	Expected Time Engaged in Learning
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade	2 hours per day (not including Pathblazer & Independent Reading time)
3rd - 4th Grade	3 hours per day (not including Pathblazer & Independent Reading time)
5th - 8th Grade	4 hours per day
9th - 12th Grade	5 hours per day



## **02:** Guidelines for Parents and Students

# Establish Routines & Expectations

- Set regular working hours for your child(ren)
- Follow your teacher's and/or grade level's work expectations
- Be sure to build in time for movement and breaks







# Define Physical Workspace

**Children Need a Consistent Location to Do Their Work**

**Look for a Space With the Following:**

- Quiet
- Strong wireless connection
- Able to be monitored

**Avoid Using Your Child's Bedroom If Possible**

# Maintain Contact With Teachers

Teachers will communicate via Class Dojo (PREP) and Google Classroom (Middle and High) every day.

Bear in mind that many teachers are managing their families at home during the day.

If tech issues arise, email [help@daytonearlycollege.org](mailto:help@daytonearlycollege.org) or call (937) 985-DECA (3322)





# Begin & End Days with a Check-In

Set goals for the day each morning.

Ensure they a plan and know what they need.

Review what was accomplished to ensure they stayed on track.

# Take An Active Role

Check in with your child throughout the day to help them process what they're learning:

- Ask questions
- Engage in discussion

Don't do the work for them!





# Establish Quiet & Reflection Times

**Limit loud music and distractions (e.g. TV and video games)**

**Consider allowing your child to use headphones without music**

**Separate children as much as possible**



# Encourage Physical Activity

Be sure to provide opportunity for your child to move!

Specials teachers will share activities for students (and families) to be creative and move.





# Be Mindful of Stress

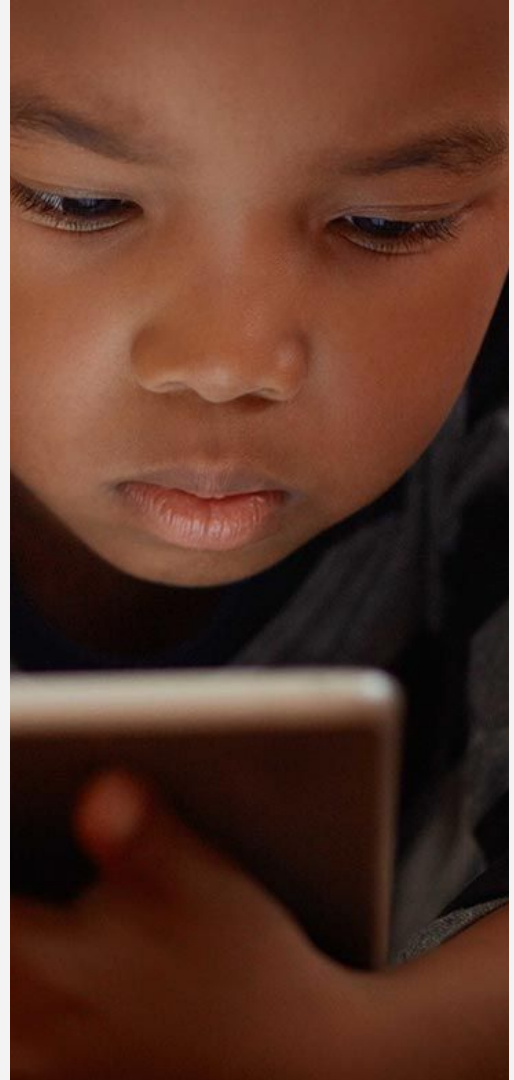
Children of all ages will struggle managing the range of emotions COVID-19 and school closure bring.

Try to create a normal routine as much as possible.

# Monitor Your Child's Screen Time

We do not want or expect your child to spend 7-8 hours a day staring at a screen.

Remember that we are not yet experts at remote learning. Your feedback will help us improve.







# Keep Your Child Social (With Boundaries)

Your child will miss their friends and teachers. Help them maintain appropriate contact with them.

Monitor access to social media closely during our extended closure.

- Establish Routines.
- Create a focused physical and digital workspace.
- Check messages from your teachers.
- Communicate when you need help! Attend the “Office Hours” posted by your teachers, send them questions, work to meet deadlines.
- Exercise! Movement makes us more productive!
- Tech as a tool. We don’t want you to be in front of a screen for 8 hours a day.
- Remember our community values when you chat or post on digital platforms or social media. Be social but in a kind and responsible way. Think before you post.



**This is new to all of us.  
Please be patient as we  
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**Questions?  
Comments?  
Need Help?**

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or (937) 985-DECA (3322).**



**03:**

## Frequently Asked Questions

## How will DECA keep families up to date while students are out of school?

- One Call Now messages
- DECA's COVID-19 Webpage: <https://www.daytonearlycollege.org/covid-19>
- Parents' email (PREP and Middle) and students' emails (Middle and High)
- Social Media

## When is it appropriate for me to communicate with my child's teacher and/or advisor?

- Often! Teachers are expected to be available to answer questions and communicate with families at least two hours each day. Look for them to communicate that information with you in the coming days.
- Bear in mind that many of our faculty are juggling home and work. They may not be able to respond to a question immediately, but should be able to connect with you within 24 hours.

## Who Can Answer My Questions:

- Parents' and students' first point of contact is their teacher or advisor.
- Other questions can be directed to [help@daytonearlycollege.org](mailto:help@daytonearlycollege.org) or (937) 985-DECA (3322).

## **Typically schools administer the Ohio State Tests in April and May. Is that still happening?**

No. The Ohio Department of Education announced recently that schools in Ohio will not be administering the OSTs. Students will not take them again until next school year.

## **My family counts on school for two meals a day. Can DECA provide support for us?**

- Yes! Our food provider, W.G. Grinders, serves food daily on Monday-Saturday from 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. They provide a lunch and a breakfast to anyone 18 or under. Parents just need to pull up and tell the number of children they need meals for. No questions asked.



## **Will students be required to participate in remote learning?**

- Yes. Students are required to engage in remote learning as they would participate in school each day. We will provide flexibility as we know many students will be juggling home responsibilities and computer access issues; however, every child is expected to be engaged in learning every day.

## **Will students return to school this year?**

- We do not know. As of now, schools are scheduled to remain closed until May 4. The governor has acknowledged that this may be extended for the remainder of the school year.

## **Will the school year be extended because of the closure of schools statewide?**

- No. Schools will be able to replace in person days with our remote learning days for as long as this goes on. Our last day of school will be May 29 for grades K-11 and May 19 for seniors.

## My child(ren) does (do) not have access to a working chromebook. How are they to complete their assignments?

- DECA will provide a chromebook to every child in need of one. We have already distributed chromebooks to ~350 students and will publish a list of dates families can come to pick up another one or submit their broken one for repair.

## My child(ren) does (do) not have access to the internet. How can they engage in remote learning?

- Spectrum is offering free internet to many families.
- AT&T is offering discount pricing on internet
- DECA has worked to secure a limited number of hotspots to provide internet access to families who have no other way of securing it. Email [help@daytonearlycollege.org](mailto:help@daytonearlycollege.org) or call (937) 985-DECA (3322) if you would like to request assistance.

## My child's chromebook does not work? What do we do?

- Email [help@daytonearlycollege.org](mailto:help@daytonearlycollege.org) or call (937) 985-DECA (3322). Our team will work to resolve your issue remotely.

## **My child was at-risk for retention before all of this happened. What happens now?**

- School will take place remotely for the time being and work will be taken for a grade.
- We hope to be back in school and to offer summer courses to help make determinations regarding retention and promotion.
- We will work with parents to ensure that every child's needs are met.

## **What about the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee?**

- With Ohio's decision to cancel state testing, this year's 3rd graders are not subject to the rules of the 3rd Grade Guarantee.
- DECA PREP administrators and teachers will make the final decisions about 3rd grade promotion.

## **The springtime is typically when many school activities take place. What is happening to those?**

- Sadly all activities that are scheduled during the month of April are cancelled.
- All scheduled overnight trips, including the 8th grade trip to DC are cancelled. We are working with vendors to return funds so we can distribute them back to families who have paid.
- We also anticipate cancelling most activities in May, including Prom.

## **How will DECA High students complete gateways and work toward graduation?**

- Students will be permitted to continue to work on and complete gateways while remote learning is in effect. Certain requirements will be modified to allow students to continue to make progress.
- Deadlines and expectations for seniors to complete gateway 6 have not changed.
- Advisors will contact their advisees and their families to discuss their path forward.

## **Will graduation be held as scheduled?**

- As of now, we hope to hold graduation on May 26 with significant restrictions on attendance. We acknowledge that this, however, is a fluid situation and graduation may need to be postponed for our students' and families' health and safety.



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## Resources

**General Information:**

- DECA's COVID-19 Webpage: <https://www.daytonearlycollege.org/covid-19>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/daytonearlycollege>

**Technology Help:** [help@daytonearlycollege.org](mailto:help@daytonearlycollege.org)

- [Google Classroom Help](#)
- [Google Meet Help](#)
- [Zoom Help](#)



**Audible.com:** Children's books are available for free as long as school is closed!

**Dayton Metro Library:** The libraries may be closed, but they have tons of books and resources available online. Students can *sign up for eCard for free online* for instant access to digital materials.

- Free audiobooks
- eBooks
- eComics
- Homework help tools
- Live tutoring

**PBS Learning Media:** Our friends at ThinkTV have tons free of videos, activities, and resources for students and parents.





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