

# Centralia City Schools #135

## Tentative Reopening Plan

### Instruction--Remote Learning

## Frequently Asked Questions

With the recent release of a tentative reopening plan, we understand that there are still many questions. While we are still working on some of the answers, we hope this FAQ document will help answer a few of the questions our families may have. Please know that we are continuously working to ensure we have plans in place to cover the necessary areas while providing the best education possible, maintaining safety of everyone involved, and complying with the mandates and guidelines we are being given by ISBE and IDPH.

**Q: If my child is enrolled in remote learning, what will he/she be learning?**

**A:** All students enrolled in Centralia City Schools will be exposed to the same subjects and standards, regardless of whether they are attending in-person or remotely.

**Q: How will parents know if students are completing their work if working remotely?**

**A:** As a parent, you will have access to Skyward in order to check your child's grades (this was not used during the closure in the spring, but it will be in use this year, even if your child is learning remotely). Teachers will also be available to answer questions you may have regarding your child's progress.

**Q: My child's work is on Google Classroom, but I do not know how to navigate the site, how to tell if the work is completed, etc. Will there be help for parents with Google Classroom?**

**A:** We are working on some video tutorials and printed information that will help parents navigate Google Classroom. We will also be working with teachers to ensure they have the most effective ways to manage their Google Classroom setup.

**Q: Will my child be required to check in daily?**

**A:** Yes, students who are learning remotely will check in at a designated time with their child's teacher. Instructions on this process will be shared later with those who are learning remotely.

**Q: What if I have trouble contacting my child's teacher with concerns about their progress?**

**A:** If you have tried unsuccessfully to contact your child's teacher via phone or email, you are welcome to call the school office to try to remedy the situation so that we can ensure that your child's teacher contacts you to address the concern.

**Q: How will lessons and material be delivered?**

**A:** Delivery of instruction will vary by grade and subject. Some content may be delivered by a recorded video posted by the teacher, while some may be delivered live from the teacher. Still other material may be shared for students to read (depending on age, etc.) There will be an expectation for remote students to participate in online sessions. Ideally, students will be able to participate in learning times throughout the day when their peers are learning. We understand there will be some extenuating circumstances when this might not be possible, but it is expected to the greatest extent possible.

**Q: How many hours a day will my child be required to work if he/she is learning remotely?**

**A:** The guidelines from the Illinois State Board of Education state that students should participate in at least 5 hours daily of instruction and schoolwork (combination of online work with teachers and assigned work).

**Q: What type of schedule will my child be required to follow if he/she is learning remotely?**

**A:** In order to make learning as productive as possible and to allow students to interact with their teachers and classmates, students will participate in classes according to the same schedule that they would follow during the school day. If there is an extenuating circumstance that will prevent your child from participating according to the designated schedule, the parent/guardian is encouraged to reach out to the building principal.

**Q: What type of work will my child be doing? Will it be packets like in the spring?**

**A:** Students who are learning remotely will be responsible for learning the same material and skills as those learning in-person. This will be accomplished a variety of ways. Generally, it will be done using various different types of technology.

**Q: How will grades be issued?**

**A:** Grades will be issued to students who are learning remotely as well as to those who are learning in-person. These grades can be checked in Skyward, and students will also receive feedback on assignments.

**Q: If my child does not do his/her work, will he/she pass to the next grade?**

**A:** If students do not complete their remote learning work, there is a possibility of retention in the current grade. Your child's teacher will work with you so that you are aware of missing work, and it is also important that parents and guardians check Skyward in order to view grades posted.

**Q: I have children in multiple buildings. Will they all be using different methods of sharing information with parents and students?**

**A:** All grades will be using Zoom for face-to-face contact with remote learners, and all classes will be using Google Classroom to communicate, assign work, etc. The extent of use will vary depending on the age of the child, and parent training information will be shared as well.

**Q: Is remote learning the same thing as homeschooling?**

**A:** Remote learning is not the same as homeschooling. If a child is signed up for remote learning, they are still enrolled in Centralia City Schools, and the district provides the learning opportunities. If you are homeschooling your child, you will be providing the learning opportunities for your child. If you determine at some point that in-person learning would be a better fit for your child, you would need to come to the district office to enroll your child as a new student.