

# **LOSAL@HOME**

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## **LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### Common Distance Learning Terms

**Synchronous Instruction** - the teacher is present or “live” at the same time as the learner(s) providing instruction and engaging students in the learning process.

**Asynchronous Instruction** - the teacher, the learner, and other participants are not engaged in the learning process at the same time. Students learn on their own time and schedule, engaging with assigned content from the teacher.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **WHEN CAN STUDENTS ENROLL?**

Enrollment is now open for LosAl@Home. Enrollment information and documents are available on the LosAl@Home website.

### **HOW DOES THE LOSAL@HOME DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM DIFFER FROM WHAT MY REGULAR SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE MAY OFFER TO STUDENTS REMOTELY THIS SCHOOL YEAR?**

The LosAl@Home Distance Learning Program is for families interested in committing to a year-long distance learning environment for their student. Students who participate in LosAl@Home will be removed from the roster of their regular school of attendance to participate in the LosAl@Home distance learning model for the entirety of the 2020-21 school year.

All nine schools in the Los Alamitos Unified School District MAY, at some time during the 2020-21 school year, offer remote instruction to students to abide by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines for reopening schools. This offer of remote instruction will be temporary, and only offered as long as necessary to meet CDPH reopening guidelines for schools.

LosAl@Home will offer students a **full-year distance learning experience** and the remote learning that is offered at the nine Los Al USD schools will only be offered as long as required by county and state health officials. Students who remain rostered to a traditional Los Al USD school will participate in on-campus learning during the 2020-21 school year when schools are able to reopen in accordance with county/state health guidelines. LosAL@Home students will remain in the distance learning program all year.

The LosAl@Home program will share the same basic daily schedule, course structure, timelines, and sequence as those same courses offered via the in-person options.

### **HOW LONG IS THE LOSAL@HOME TERM OF ENROLLMENT ?**

Enrollment in the *LosAl@Home Distance Learning Program* is for the entire 2020-21 school year. The opportunity for a student to return to their regular school of attendance during the 2020-21 school year may be limited and will be solely based on enrollment and staffing availability at each of the nine District schools. If a transfer back to the regular school of attendance is granted, a student would return to their regular school of attendance at a natural transition in the school calendar.

The District can't guarantee that a student would be able to return to their regular school of attendance during the 2020-21 school year. However, all students will be enrolled in their regular school of attendance for the 2021-22 school year.

### **WHO ARE THE LOSAL@HOME TEACHERS? WILL MY STUDENT BE IN CLASS(ES) WITH STUDENTS FROM THEIR REGULAR SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE?**

LosAl@HOME will be taught by Los Al USD teachers from across the nine school sites.

(TK-5) Elementary classes may have a mix of students from different elementary schools, depending upon enrollment. The goal is to form classes as similar to the traditional school classroom as possible, which includes the possibility of combination classes of mixed-grade level students.

(6-8) Middle school courses will be composed of students from both Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools .

(9-12) High school classes will only be students from Los Alamitos High School.

### **WHAT DOES THE DAILY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?**

Schedules for elementary, middle and high school students will be emailed to families the week before school starts. All classes will take place during regular school attendance hours. There will be daily live instruction for all levels and content areas in addition to asynchronous content support. The following are the current state mandates on instructional minutes that will be minimally offered to students through synchronous and asynchronous instruction:

- Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten (180 minutes)
- 1st-3rd Grade (230 minutes)
- 4th-12th Grade (240 minutes)

### **IS PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED FOR LOSAL@HOME STUDENTS?**

Yes, daily parent/guardian involvement is essential for LosAl@Home student success. The amount of parent/guardian support needed for student success will vary from student to student and decrease at the higher grade levels. The youngest LosAl@Home students (TK-3), will require more parent/guardian support to be successful in a distance learning program.

### **ARE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES A-G and NCAA APPROVED?**

Yes, classes are A-G and NCAA approved.

### **ARE ALL ELECTIVE CLASSES OFFERED TO (6-12) STUDENTS?**

Elective courses will be offered, but may be different than what is offered at a student's regular school of attendance. Not all elective courses offered at Oak, McAuliffe and Los Alamitos High School will be offered through LosAl@Home. There will be elective courses offered for 9-12 students that meet a-g elective requirements, including fine arts.

LosAl@Home will not offer participation or enrollment in secondary performing arts programs such as choir, band, orchestra, dance and colorguard.

### **ARE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (A.P.) COURSES OFFERED?**

Yes, Advanced Placement courses will be offered, however not every AP course offered at the Los Alamitos High School will be available through LosAl@Home. Dr.

Lopour and the LosAI@Home team will work with guidance counselors and families to maximize course availability.

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND?**

LosAI@Home is a free distance learning program offered to Los AI Unified District students, operated by the Los Alamitos Unified District. There is no tuition.

## **WHAT TECHNOLOGY DO STUDENTS NEED?**

- Computer/Laptop (With Web Camera and Microphone)
- High Speed Internet Connection
- Printer (Recommended)

\*If a student does not have access to the above resources please contact Dr. Kenneth Lopur, LosAI@Home Administrator (KLopour@losal.org).

## **DO STUDENTS RECEIVE GRADES?**

Yes, students will receive the same report cards, grades and citizenship marks as other students in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, in accordance with District grading periods. In addition, all grades will be permanent on pupil records and/or high school transcripts.

- (TK-2) Numeric Marks of 1-4 on Standards Based Report Card
- (3-12) Letter Achievement Grades (A-F)

## **WILL THERE BE A “HOLD-HARMLESS GRADING” POLICY AS THERE WAS IN SPRING LAST SCHOOL YEAR?**

No, students will be held to the traditional grading standards normally in place during an academic year.

## **HOW OFTEN DO STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES OR CHECK-IN?**

Students attend daily live instruction and will be marked absent and tardy in accordance with their participation. Attendance records will remain permanent on students' pupil record. Parents and/or guardians are still legally responsible for school attendance and will be subject to a School Attendance and Review Board hearing

should attendance fall below minimum state requirements. The Los Alamitos Unified School District will regularly inform parents and guardians of pupil attendance records.

### **WHAT CURRICULUM WILL BE USED IN LOSAL@HOME?**

LosAl@Home classes follow the traditional Los Al Unified curricular scope and sequence and use District-adopted curriculum, with the support of Schools PLP digitized resources/content. Schools PLP is a Learning Management System that offers educators additional content resources to deliver curriculum and keep students and parents informed and organized when learning from home.

### **CAN A STUDENT WITH AN IEP PLAN ENROLL IN LOSAL@HOME?**

Yes, students in special education may participate in *LosAl@Home* if their IEP goals and services can be provided in a distance learning program. An IEP team meeting may need to take place to determine viability of participation and needed modifications to current IEP goals, services and supports.

Please contact Rakhee Comar, Coordinator of Special Education & Mental Health, if your student is on an IEP and is interested in participating in the LosAl@Home Distance Learning Program. ([Rcomar@losal.org](mailto:Rcomar@losal.org))

### **CAN A STUDENT WITH A 504 PLAN ENROLL IN LOSAL@HOME?**

Yes, a student on a 504 plan may participate in LosAl@Home. It may be necessary to reconvene the 504 team at the start of the school year to discuss and reevaluate 504 accommodations.

### **I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT ARE NOT ANSWERED HERE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

There is a form linked here: LosAl@Home Parent Questions Form. You should receive a response within two business days.