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DIGITAL ACADEMY

The District 196 Digital Academy is a full-time distance learning option that is designed with students and families at the center.

While we are physically distanced, our teachers and staff remain committed to providing students with engaging educational experiences, making meaningful connections with your child and responding to family needs.

ELEMENTARY

Each elementary school offers a digital academy distance learning option, which parallels the curriculum for students in the hybrid model, and will be staffed by a District 196 elementary digital academy teacher. Your child's assigned digital academy teacher is dependent upon staffing ratios and the number of students participating in the academy at each elementary school.

Digital academy students, both general education and special education, continue to be enrolled in their home school and allow for students the option to potentially transition to a different learning model after winter break. This will allow for students to keep connections with their school community and provide the foundation of strong relationships between teachers and students that we know is so important to our student's social and emotional well-being.

Key features include:

- Daily live connections and timely feedback with teachers and classmates;
- On-demand access to learning opportunities via Schoology and/or Seesaw;
- Office hours provided and posted to offer support for students and families, and
- Teachers collaborating in a responsive manner to ensure a smooth transition between learning models, if needed.

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ELEMENTARY CONTINUED...

The elementary school day will include:

- Morning meeting;
- Integrated units of study (readers and writers' workshop and word study);
- Math workshop;
- Specialist rotation (e.g. physical education, music, art), and
- Additional support services your child qualifies to receive.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Each secondary school offers a digital academy distance learning option, which parallels the curriculum for students in the hybrid model, and is staffed by the home secondary school's teachers providing their content expertise and alignment to all courses.

Digital academy students continue to be enrolled in their home school, and maintain scheduled enrollment in their chosen classes in order to allow for students the option to potentially transition to a different learning model after winter break. This will allow for students to keep connections with their school community and provide the foundation of strong relationships between teachers and students that we know is so important to our student's social and emotional well-being.

The secondary school week for the digital academy will include:

- A Zoom session dedicated to each course once each week, offering real-time learning opportunities (such as group discussions);
- Learning activities, feedback, and assessments will be accessed online throughout the week via Schoology, utilizing a new, consistent and aligned structure;
- Opportunities for intervention/enrichment available on Wednesdays, and
- Office hours provided and posted for each course to allow students and teachers to interact and address individual questions, and help students manage and plan their independent time.

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