

SUBJECT: Welcome to Committed Distance Learning

Congratulations, we would like to welcome to our Committed Distance Learning program within Olentangy Schools! I'm Jennifer Furey, and I will serve as your Lead Administrator. Please consider this email as verification that your child has been accepted from the wait list and has a spot in this temporary online school program.

I am excited for your child to participate in the Committed Distance Learning program and welcome the opportunity to lead a program in which your child will continue their educational journey with the district. This is a new experience for all of us, and our goal is to deliver an authentic Olentangy learning experience, coupled with innovative virtual opportunities.

I am certain you have many questions as to what this program will look like. First, I want to emphasize that Olentangy's foundations of curriculum, assessment and instruction will be prevalent in this online education format. Schoology will be our digital learning platform for receiving lessons, assignments and live interaction. I will send updates to our Committed Distance Learning community on Mondays and Thursdays, with teachers facilitating the daily learning and delivering instruction. As parents, it will be important for you to ensure your child logs in for lessons at their appointed times, completes assignments, and communicates with their teacher regarding coursework.

A few quick housekeeping notes:

- PowerSchool will open on August 24th, with student's teacher assignments and class schedules. We will contact families throughout the month if there are necessary modifications in the students' course schedule.
- Gifted students and IEP students will continue to receive services in the Committed Distance Learning model.
- Food service is available to students. We will share how to pre-order and pick up meals next week.
- If you need to borrow a device from Olentangy Schools, you must complete the [Chromebook Distribution Form](#) by this Friday, August 14th. Please reference your Student ID#: [[contactid]]. In order to ensure families without access to technology receive the necessary tools, district devices will be distributed based on need.
- Open Houses for Committed Distance Learning will occur on August 27th, with details to come from your assigned teacher(s).

My ultimate goal as your Lead Administrator in Committed Distance Learning is to ensure a smooth transition from Olentangy's physical school environment to this temporary online learning alternative during the 2020-2021 academic year. Whether your child's time in this program is for the fall and/or spring semester, we will partner together for a smooth transition back to your child's normal attendance school building.

I look forward to supporting you, your child and your family during our time together this upcoming semester.

Jennifer Furey

Committed Distance Learning, Lead Administrator