



TIRANA INTERNATIONAL
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TIS Distance Learning

2020-2021



TIS DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

Distance Learning

As stated in the Operating Procedures for 2020, if Albania determines that schools must close their campuses, TIS will provide educational services via online platforms and following the established distance learning plan. TIS needs to abide by the Albanian government's regulations and suggestions. If at any point it is mandated to close campus to students, we will need to follow these guidelines. In this case, we will be providing distance learning to any students that the closure applies to.

Distance Learning Platforms and Communication System at TIS

The following Online Platforms support both Distance Learning and faculty/student/family collaboration to ensure a quality student learning experience when planning and learning remotely:



Office 365 – All staff email accounts are through Office 365, along with a variety of tools to communicate and collaborate. Some tools, such as Teams will be used with students who are also issued school email accounts (11YO-SEC4). The Teams video conference platform may be used as the tool for video conferencing in those age groups.



Seesaw – is a platform for student engagement that provides creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos, and more to capture learning in a portfolio. Teachers can find or create activities to share with students and parents (PreK-10YO).



Zoom – is a virtual classroom platform that may be used by lower preschool and lower elementary teachers. This is very easy for students and parents to access, as the classroom teacher simply sends a link via email for individuals to join the meeting/class (PreK-10YO).



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS for Distance Learning

Student Expectations:

- Be in class on time (Even better, go a little early and wait in the “waiting room” until class starts.) If you are too late, the session may be closed and you won’t be able to attend.*
- Join class from an appropriate location in your home
- Your screen name must be your name (first name only is fine)
- You should start class with Video ON - during class, turn the video on or off according to teacher directions
- Your image when you turn the video off can be a picture of you or nothing - no other pictures are allowed
- You should keep your microphone muted except to participate as the teacher directs
- Do not use any other meeting features unless your teacher directs you to

If a student needs additional guidance in order to abide by these expectations, the administration may need to get involved.

ELEMENTARY DISTANCE LEARNING Schedules

Elementary (5YO-7YO)

Start Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00- 9:30 AM	Literacy		Office Hours	Literacy	
9:00-9:30 AM	Intensive English (if applicable)		Office Hours	Intensive English (if applicable)	
10:00-10:30 AM	Mathematics		Office Hours	Mathematics	
11:00- 11:30 AM	Science/ Cultural Studies		Office Hours	Science/ Cultural Studies	
13:00 - 13:20 PM	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*
13:30- 13:50 PM	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*

There will also be afternoon support from homeroom teachers as needed

Teacher Zoom links will be posted to their class Seesaw pages

*From 1:00-1:20 and 1:30-1:50 is either essentials or foreign language (foreign language is 2 days a week). It depends on the age level

Elementary (8YO – 10YO)

Start Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-10:00 AM	Literacy		Office Hours	Literacy	
9:30-10:00 AM	Intensive English (if applicable)		Office Hours	Intensive English (if applicable)	
10:30-11:00 AM	Mathematics		Office Hours	Mathematics	
11:30- 12:00 PM	Science/ Cultural Studies		Office Hours	Science/ Cultural Studies	
13:00 - 13:20 PM	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*
13:30- 13:50 PM	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*	Essentials or Foreign Language*

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ELEMENTARY DISTANCE LEARNING Schedules

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Elementary Distance Learning on **Wednesday**

On Wednesday, elementary students will observe a different schedule that continues to provide meaningful and enriching academic learning. This is still a school day. The intent is to provide learning opportunities that provide options for offline engagement as well as support through one-to-one teacher online time. Teachers will be purposeful in communicating the expected learning activities for Wednesday.

Homeroom teachers/assistant teachers will be available through Zoom during their normal class time to provide additional support. They will be available during each of those times (designated as Office Hours on the schedule) to work with students, either by invite or student drop-in. These Wednesday efforts are made to allow for more screen-time breaks.

DISTANCE LEARNING & Success Orientations

Independent Endeavor

At TIS, we have seven different success orientations that we strive to teach our students and model for them in daily life. For these upcoming weeks of distance learning, we hope that TIS students, at all age levels, can practice independent endeavor. Examples could include: keeping a schedule each day and not missing any meetings, completing all school work without having to be asked, working independently, challenging oneself to excel and succeed during the distance learning, going above and beyond the minimum requirements, among others.





MIDDLE SCHOOL & SECONDARY Schedule

Secondary Distance Learning Schedule – The Next Two Weeks:

Monday, August 31 and September 7 – A Day

- 1st Block – 9:00-9:50
- 2nd Block – 10:00-10:50
- 3rd Block – 11:00-11:50
- 4th Block – 12:00-12:50

Tuesday, September 1 and September 8 – B Day

- 1st Block – 9:00-9:50
- 2nd Block – 10:00-10:50
- 3rd Block – 11:00-11:50
- 4th Block – 12:00-12:50

Wednesday, September 2 and September 9

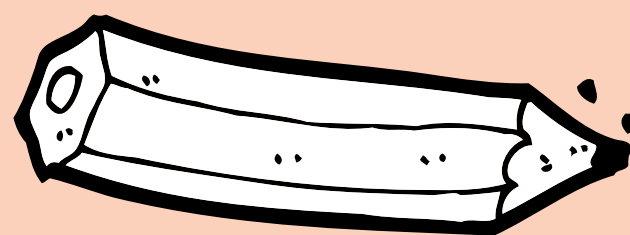
- *AP Classes will still meet on Wednesdays. The first week of distance learning, August 31-September 4, A Day AP classes will meet utilizing the same 9:00-12:50 schedule. During the second week, September 7-September 11, B Day AP classes will meet. If distance learning continues beyond September 11, AP classes will continue to meet on alternating Wednesdays.*
- *Other students can meet with teachers at teacher or student request. This is time to meet with the Counselor and Admin may have grade-level assemblies.*

Thursday, September 3 and September 10 – A Day

- 1st Block – 9:00-9:50
- 2nd Block – 10:00-10:50
- 3rd Block – 11:00-11:50
- 4th Block – 12:00-12:50

Friday, September 4 and September 11 – B Day

- 1st Block – 9:00-9:50
- 2nd Block – 10:00-10:50
- 3rd Block – 11:00-11:50
- 4th Block – 12:00-12:50



You can do it!



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