

# Russell County School District

*Superintendent Dr. Brenda Coley*

## Reopening Plan 2020

### Remote Learning for Students in Grades 6-12

Parents in Russell County School District have the option to keep their children at home to participate in remote learning instead of learning in the school building. Choosing the remote learning option signifies that a student desires to receive instruction through a 100% online instructional method. The limitations we face regarding curriculum and instruction at this time are many as nothing will ever replace the impact of face-to-face instruction. But we know that the key to the success of our schools and students has always been our people, administration, teachers, parents, and support staff. We will remain committed to our mission of helping students rise to their full potential whether face-to-face or remotely. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding with the present conditions.

**A device and internet connection is required to participate in remote instruction (Devices are available for checkout - subject to device usage fee).**

Active engagement in the remote classroom is required. ● Students must abide by the RCSD Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct found in the RCSD Student Handbook. ● Phone numbers and/or email addresses of guardians must remain accurate for the duration of the program. ● Remote instruction will mirror on campus instruction as much as possible to help the transition from on-campus to remote instruction if needed because of a school or system closure. ● At times, the remote student may be required to come to campus to test (example: some assessments, CTE credentialing exams, CTE hands-on practice). When this is required, only the student is permitted to be on campus. All other guests will be required to wait in cars or off campus during the testing or instruction. Parents and/or guardians must provide transportation to and from school in these cases.

Russell County School District's remote learning students are subject to the same Alabama Compulsory Attendance Laws as traditional students. They are also subject to be reported for truancy as outlined in the Russell County School District's Student Code of Conduct.

## *Remote Learning Option # 1 for students in grades 6-12:*

### **Google Classroom**

Russell County School District's Middle and High School teachers will incorporate a more technologically integrated classroom experience for their students. Teachers will be using and integrating the Google Classroom platform into their daily routine engaging students who are scheduled to their class for both face-to-face instruction as well as virtual instruction. **Students using this model must follow their class schedule daily.**

Teachers in grades 6-12 will provide instruction simultaneously for both traditional and remote learning offerings using Google Classroom during regular school hours.

- Enrollment for students in traditional and remote learning for students in grades 6-12 will occur quarterly.

Traditional and remote learning will begin on Monday, August 10, 2020 during regular school hours. Students choosing the remote option will have access to their assigned classes using Google Classroom. All students will be provided access to a Chromebook that may be checked out for home use (A \$25.00 fee will be required for usage). Chromebooks will also require a signed agreement to the Chromebook Usage Policy.

Option #1 remote learning will be supported by Russell County School District's teachers. All teachers will be responsible for managing the classes (ex: Grading the content, managing class discussion using Google Meet/Zoom, checking attendance, etc). Both traditional and remote learning students will follow the Russell County School's Grading Policy.

Google Classroom may be used for the following processes:

- Daily Bell Ringer Questions
- Uploading assignments
- Uploading presentations and other classroom materials
- Connecting students to other platforms such as Moby Max that may also integrate with Google Classroom

- Connecting students to Google Meet Presentations and live streams during classroom presentations and lectures
- Keeping up with student attendance via daily check-ins to be completed during the student's assigned period
- Facilitating communication between students and teachers

There are many benefits to the Google Classroom platform which may include but are not limited to the following:

- Increased collaboration and support among common subject area teachers
- Lends itself to proactive planning should another closure happen
- Class materials can be preloaded
- Each period can be assigned to their own Class in Google Classroom; assignments and materials can be easily shared among those classes
- Each Class can be adjusted based on their individual needs
- We will have digital access to textbooks which can be linked through Google Classroom
- Assignments can be personalized to students via the creation of Google Slides, Google Doc, etc.
- Within assignments teachers can provide feedback and scoring
- Excellent organization tool for both remote students and face-to-face students for teacher use as we move into a one-to-one ratio for technology use

Additional platforms that may be used for remote learning as well as face-to-face instruction include the following depending on the school and grade level:

Classworks

Discovery Ed: Math Tech

CK12

iCEV

Moby Max

Star Reading and Math

## *Remote Learning Option # 2 Platform (offered to students in grades 9-12 only)*

### **Edgenuity**

Edgenuity is a leading K-12 online learning solution, partnering with schools and districts throughout the country to provide tools and support they need to leverage technology to improve student outcomes. They offer a full suite of core curriculum, AP, honors, elective, dual credit, and credit recovery courses for middle and high school students. Students will be allowed to work at their own pace throughout the semester. These classes will not be taught by a Russell County School District teacher. Students interested in enrolling in this virtual platform will need to contact a counselor at Russell County High School.

### **Access**

Access Virtual Learning (Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students, Statewide) is an education initiative of the Alabama Department of Education. It provides opportunities and options for Alabama public high school students to engage in Advance (AP), elective, and other courses to which they may not otherwise have access or be able to schedule. Students will be allowed to work at their own pace throughout the semester with checkpoints by the instructor. These classes will not be taught by a Russell County School District teacher. Students interested in enrolling in this virtual platform will need to contact a counselor at Russell County High School.

If you have any additional questions or comments please contact your child's principal between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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