

Elementary Virtual Instruction FAQ for Families

Q: My kid needs help from the teacher, when can I get this?

A: We understand that kids need help and interaction from the teacher. Please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a one on one time where you can connect via email, phone, or Google Meet. This can be as frequent as needed, all based upon the child and family need.

Q: Do we get any materials?

A: Yes, we will be sending home our math and reading materials (MyMath and Reach for Reading anthologies or decodables). Additional information will be going out shortly.

Q: My kid needs a computer and/or hotspot, what should I do?

A: Please contact your child's neighborhood school and request these items. They will be able to assist you.

Q: My kid was in a hybrid model and online last year, why does this look different?

A: The virtual option is different this year than what was used last year. Kids are still being taught by OTSD teachers, it just might not be a teacher at your neighborhood school. Reading, math, and writing are still being recorded and streamed. The only difference is the teacher interaction or assistance and how it is occurring outside of class time by Google Meet, email, or phone.

Q: Is there a user guide for families at home in order to learn digital tools such as Kami, Peardeck, Google Classroom?

A: Yes!! Check out this website for support.

<https://sites.google.com/ortrail.k12.or.us/otsd-digital-tool-guides/home>

Q: How does my student complete work?

A: Students will complete work in their MyMath books or online. Please connect with your child's teacher regarding the submission of hard copy items. This will most likely be done via email, picture, or scanning the copy and sending it back to the teacher. Assignments can also be completed online and submitted via Google Classroom. Please clarify with your child's teacher for specifics.

Q: How does my child turn their work in?

A: Work will be submitted electronically. Please connect with your child's teacher about how this will look as it could vary depending on the activity and task.

Q: I can't hear the teacher on the recording or when they are streaming. What should I do?

A: Please reach out to the virtual school's front office so they can help the teacher troubleshoot this issue in the moment so streaming can continue.

Q: Will the school be printing packets for my student?

A: No, schools will not be printing packets for families. Materials will be available for pick up the week of September 13th (MyMath and Reach for Reaching Materials).

Q: How many minutes of core instruction should my students be getting?

A: Students should have 90 minutes of core reading, 60 minutes of core math, and 30 minutes of writing instruction.

Q: How is attendance taken?

A: Attendance is taken each day for the students that are present online with the class. If your student joins asynchronously, attendance will be taken based on the interaction with the work such as turning in items, connecting with the teacher, and completing the daily work.

Q: Is it ok that students attend virtual instruction asynchronously?

A: Yes, this is completely ok.