

July 24, 2020

Dear NP³ Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year! As we begin our year together, we would like to communicate what you can expect in the next couple of weeks.

COVID-19 brought many changes to our NP³ Learning Community in the last quarter of our 2019-2020 school year. Although it was not the ideal way to end a productive and event-filled year, we rallied and worked collaboratively and learned lessons to better prepare us for distance learning in the 2020-21 school year. We cannot thank you enough for the support and flexibility you afforded our NP³ schools.

Over the summer, the California Department of Education and Sacramento County Office of Education issued guidance, in consultation with state and local public health experts, on how to best reopen schools. While some of these recommendations and practices were already in place, the state established clear guidelines and requirements for distance learning.

What your family can expect Kindergarten-12th grades during distance learning:

- Access to technology and 1:1 Chromebooks
- Standards-based education
- Mandatory attendance
- Mandatory work completion
- Content and skills scores/proficiency marks/grades
- New instruction provided by a credentialed teacher
- Daily live instructional opportunities
- Assignment lengths of time listed on assignments and/or planners
- Daily assigned learning minutes (minimum)
 - Kindergarten 180 minutes
 - 1st - 3rd Grades 230 minutes
 - 4th - 12th Grades 240 minutes

Assigned Classroom Teachers (K-5) and Advisors (6-12) will reach out to families during the week of July 27th. Their communication with you will include a more specific daily schedule, school expectations, and Chromebook/materials distribution times.

We have outlined a few school-specific details that will assist your family as you plan for distance learning:

- All teachers will communicate assignments using **Google Classroom (as their main platform)**. Students and families will receive age-appropriate instruction on how to access assignments on Google Classroom, and families will receive support on how to assist their student(s). You can expect more information about Google Classroom from your individual school site in the upcoming weeks.
- Each school site will host family **“Distance Learning Back to School Night Meetings.”** The purpose of these meetings is to familiarize families with teacher(s) expectations for student learning. Individual teachers and advisors will reach out to families with specific dates and times.
- NP³ schools will conduct **live teaching between the hours of 9:00 am -1:00 pm** (see below). Detailed schedules will be reviewed at Distance Learning Back to School Nights.
- NP³ students will pick up **Chromebooks and materials, August 3-August 5, 2020** (see individual school schedules below).
- Each school will **communicate regularly** with families via email: NP³ Elementary-Matey Message, NP³ Middle-Pirate Press, NP³ High-Captain’s Log

NP³ Elementary School

Student assignments, supply lists, Chromebook/materials distribution details, and Back to School Night information will post to the [NP3 Elementary School website](#) on **Monday, July 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. Teachers will call families to introduce themselves and to answer any Distance Learning questions. Their Distance Learning Back to School Nights will provide the information your student needs to start the school year. Weekly Matey Messages are sent VIA email Monday mornings. Matey Messages will include important school and specific classroom information. You can expect your first Matey Message August 3, 2020. Your teacher will email that communication out.

- **NP³ Elementary Chromebook and Materials Distribution at NP³ Elementary School Cafeteria**
 - **Monday, August 3:** A-F, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - **Tuesday, August 4:** G-M, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - **Wednesday, August 5:** N-Z, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - *please allow 20 minutes for pick up, face coverings are required*

- **NP³ Elementary Back to School Night Online Orientations (Zoom Meeting)**
 - **Wednesday, August 5:** 3rd grade--5:00 pm, 4th grade--5:30 pm, 5th grade--6:00 pm
 - **Thursday, August 6:** K--5:00 pm, 1st grade--5:30 pm, 2nd grade--6:00 pm

- **NP³ Elementary Distance Learning Teaching Schedule--*approximate times, lessons will vary in length***

| Grade Level & Minutes | 9:00 am | 10:00 am | 11:00 am | 12:00 pm |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Kindergarten 180 minutes | Morning Meeting* | English Language Arts or Math* | English Language Arts or Math* | |
| 1st - 3rd Grades 230 minutes | Morning Meeting* | English Language Arts or Math* | English Language Arts or Math* | Small group instruction, content, individual assignments |
| 4th - 5th Grades 240 minutes | Morning Meeting* | English Language Arts or Math* | English Language Arts or Math* | Small group instruction, content, individual assignments |

**Elementary instructional blocks include time for breaks and independent student work, student screen time will be monitored for effectiveness*

NP³ Middle School

In preparation for the new school year, we suggest logging into your student Google accounts. Student schedules will be available in Infinite Campus by Thursday, July 30. If there is an issue with logging in, visit [this link](#) for the next steps. Advisory teachers will call families to introduce themselves and to answer any questions families have about Distance Learning and the upcoming school year the week of July 27th. Distance Learning Back to School Night should provide you with information your student needs to start the school year on the right track. A weekly Pirate Press is sent via email Monday mornings. Pirate Press will include important school information and specific grade level details. You can expect your advisory teacher to send out the first Pirate Press on August 3, 2020.

- **NP³ Middle Chromebook and Materials Distribution at NP³ Middle/High School parking lot**
Advisory teachers will provide specific times in their communication to families next week.
 - **Monday, August 3:** 6th grade and ½ of 7th grade
 - **Tuesday, August 4:** ½ of 7th grade and 8th grade
- **NP³ Middle Back to School Night Online Orientations (Zoom Meetings)**
 - **Thursday, July 30th at 6pm** (details and meeting links will be provided by advisory teachers). This meeting is for both parents and their children.
- **NP³ Middle Distance Learning Teaching Schedule**
Advisory teachers will communicate first week expectations and the first live meeting is on Wednesday, August 5th. Instruction will include both real-time and non-real-time learning opportunities. Students are expected to participate in real-time classes. They must be on time and show they are present by being on screen. This is how attendance will be monitored.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Period 1 | Period 3 | Advisory | Period 1 | Period 3 |
| 10:05 – 11:05 | Period 2 | Period 4 | Office Hours | Period 2 | Period 4 |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Advisory | *PE 1 & 2 11:10 – 11:40 | | *PE 5 & 6 11:10 – 11:40 | Advisory |
| | | *PE 3 & 4 11:45 – 12:15 | | *PE 7 & 8 11:45 – 12:15 | |

NP³ High School

Student Schedules will be accessible through Infinite Campus by Thursday, July 30, 2020. Advisory teachers will contact students to check in and answer any questions families have about Distance Learning and the upcoming school year the week of July 27th. The Distance Learning Back to School Nights will be hosted by advisory teachers and should provide both parents and students with information your student needs to start the school year. Weekly Captain's Log will be sent VIA email, through each advisory teacher, Monday mornings. The Captain's Log will also be posted on the website. Captain's Logs will include important school-wide information. You can expect your first Captain's Log on August 3, 2020.

- **NP³ High School Chromebook and Materials Distribution at NP³ Middle/High School parking lot**
Advisory teachers will provide specific times in their communication to families next week.
 - **Monday, August 3:** 9th grade and 10th grade
 - **Tuesday, August 4:** 11th grade and 12th grade

- **NP³ High School Back to School Night Online Orientation (Zoom Meeting)**
 - **Tuesday, August 4 at 5:00 pm** (details and meeting links will be provided by advisory teachers). This meeting is for both parents and their children.

- **NP³ High School Distance Learning Teaching Schedule**
Attendance is mandatory for all live instruction sessions. Students are expected to show their face and participate in class activities and discussions. In addition to live instruction, students are expected to complete independent work in the afternoon. Each assignment in Google Classroom will indicate the approximate amount of time a student should spend completing it.

| Monday (A) | Tuesday (A) | Wednesday (C) | Thursday (B) | Friday (B) |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Period 1 9:00 – 10:15 | Period 3 9:00 – 10:15 | Advisory 9:30-10:15 | Period 1 9:00 – 10:15 | Period 3 9:00 – 10:15 |
| Advisory 10:20 – 10:35 | Period 4 10:30 – 11:45 | Tutorial 10:30 – 11:15 | Period 2 10:30 – 11:45 | Period 4 10:30 – 11:45 |
| Period 2 10:45 – 12:00 | Office Hours 1:00 – 3:00 By Appointment | | Office Hours 1:00 – 3:00 By Appointment | |