

WENDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear WESD Families:

The start of school is almost here. Our staff has been working diligently to prepare for a successful start to the school year. At this time we will not be able to do in person learning. In following updated distance learning guidelines your child will need to be actively participating with their teacher through online platform and applications each day. We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

School Calendar

Distance learning will begin on August 17, 2020. District's school calendar for the 2020-21 School Year was already mailed to you but you can find an additional copy on the school website (www.wendenk8.org)

Pending guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, we will be evaluating a date to begin in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction. This date may be revised by the District Governing Board at any time.

Attendance Requirements

Your child will need to participate daily in the District's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. The District's distance learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact: Monday – Thursday at a minimum of 6.25 daily hours. This requirement will be a combination of teacher led instruction, online applications and paper and pencil activities.

Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between Kindergarten and eight grade must attend school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of ELA, Mathematics, Social studies and Science.
- The child's parent or guardian must have enrollment/registration packets on file at the District Office to ensure that the child attends the school full time. Our District is currently anticipating conducting 145-days of instruction during the 2020-21 school year.

- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact your local school's attendance clerk.

Device Checkout

Beginning Tuesday August the 11th, we will be issuing devices and hotspot internet access to students who do not have it at home and are in need. Teachers will be assisting parents with the log in information and how to access necessary sites. Please schedule an appointment to meet with your teacher for your child's distance learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, please contact us at 928 859-3806. The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy.

Thank you,



Gloria Dean

Superintendent

Important Websites

- District's 2020-21 School Calendar located on school website: www.wendenk8.org
- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at: <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51, available at: <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>