



North Stonington Public Schools
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District Guidelines for Distance Learning

NORTH STONINGTON GUIDELINES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING		
Teachers	Students	Parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit weekly agenda/plan to Google classroom by Sunday or Monday morning - Use the Google Classroom Stream for messages (whole group or individual) - Use Google Classroom Classwork to post all assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One post per day with the date - Use week date ranges as topics - Use gmail to email students when needed - Conduct live video (Google meet or classroom cameras) during all in-school instruction when you are at school for those students that are at home (modified by grade level) - Schedule small group or individual meets for students that need extra support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students learning from home must attend Google meets following the daily schedule (your presence will determine your attendance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find an appropriate work space to use your computer - Turn your camera on - Wear appropriate attire - Join the meeting on time - Mute your mic until you need/want to speak - If you are having issues with your audio you can make a comment in the meet using the build-in chat messaging - Do not record video conferencing sessions or take screenshots - Remember the meet is a virtual classroom and all rules that apply at school still apply in a virtual meet - Complete the assigned work within the window established by the teacher - Email teachers your questions outside of the class time - Meet with teachers during AHR/office hours when needed - Attend extra help Google Meets when scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be sure your child is assessed each morning prior to leaving for school in the hybrid model - Contact teacher if your student is struggling - Contact administration if you have technology issues or other concerns - Contact the attendance secretary/school if your child will be absent from school or their virtual classes but contact the school nurse if your child will be absent due to COVID - Contact school counseling department for any social-emotional concerns - Be sure students attend Google Meets on the days they are learning virtually in the hybrid model or if your child is participating in distance learning 5 days per week - Be sure students attend Google Meets for extra help when they are scheduled

Please complete the form below if your child will be temporarily participating in distance learning due to COVID-19,



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Distance Learning Form

Intention to Participate in Distance Learning

In the event that you choose to have your child(ren) temporarily participate in distance learning due to COVID-19, please complete this form and return it to your child's school by August 21, 2020.

For clarification purposes, and to avoid confusion between "distance learning" and "homeschooling", we have provided a brief definition of each below.

Distance Learning: In a temporary situation, students will participate in their education remotely, and it will be delivered by NSPS certified teachers utilizing an established curriculum. Students are expected to attend remote classes daily and complete required work and assessments just as if they were attending in-person. They will be graded and must participate in our full academic program. Students can return to the classroom upon administrative approval, but the student must return permanently. Students cannot distance learn on some days and come to school in-person on other days.

Homeschooling: Homeschooling is a completely different option than NSPS Distance Learning. Parents/Guardians accept full responsibility for the education of their children in accordance with the requirements of state law. Parents purchase or build the curriculum and serve as the teacher. Homeschool students are withdrawn from North Stonington Public Schools. A NSPS Withdrawal Form is completed and presented to NSPS annually to the superintendent of schools.

My student will temporarily participate in distance learning this year. I understand that I need to communicate with the school to make arrangements for my child's re-entry into in-person learning prior to returning to school.

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____