



FURLOW CHARTER SCHOOL

Updates with answers to questions regarding back to school can be found here. We will update here regularly. (LAST UPDATED 7/29/20 9:50 a.m.)

Options:

In-class traditional learning or distance learning

Your choice cannot be changed until after the first nine weeks.

New login info for all students is coming soon; we appreciate your patience as we transition to our new system.

School calendar:

Start date is August 17th. We will host a virtual open house prior to that date--more information will be forthcoming. Schedules will be available by open house.

Distance learning:

***IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DISTANCE SCHOLARS: Please note that the designated time for distance scholars each day is for teachers to help as needed with the materials they have posted to the classroom. Outside of that time, there will be a significant commitment required of families to help facilitate learning for distance scholars.

Google Classrooms will be set up prior to the first day of school. At that time, students will be able to access their classes.

All work will be submitted online.

Scholars need not be online all day, but they will need to check in and complete work daily.

Special needs scholars and scholars who receive special services will have designated one-on-one time with their advisors. Advisors have protected time 2:45-3:30 M-Th and 11:30-3:30 F to meet virtually with their scholars. Their case managers will also be part of their regular Google Classroom and will have access to assignments.

Special services such as ELL, EIP, speech, gifted etc. will continue at designated meeting times 2:45-3:30 M-Th and 11:30-3:30 F) via Google Classroom.

Distance learning scholars will have the same lessons as traditional scholars, and the expectations will be the same, as far as grading. They will have reserved time to meet with their advisors via Google Classroom, where they can ask questions, get tutoring, etc.



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Distance learning is designed to be asynchronous. While advisors may opt to record their classes, they will not be live-streamed. Advisors may opt to share recorded classes, record tutorials for distance scholars, or choose from an array of appropriate instructional strategies.

Distance learning in the fall is being planned intentionally. This is not like spring instruction, which was an emergency response. Fall instruction will be scheduled, planned, delivered, and graded with consistency, as we have time to design it to accommodate distance scholars and to make their experience as close to that of the traditional scholars as possible.

Distance scholars may not participate in sports during the time that they are learning from home. This is a 9-week commitment, so no sports for 9 weeks. If they go back to traditional learning after that time, they may participate. The rationale for this is that exposure is exposure, whether it occurs in the classroom or on the sports field. Further, the CDC lists team competitions as a high-risk activity. Thus, if you deem it in your scholar's best interest to learn from home, he/she will need to forgo in-person school activities for their safety.

If scholars need to check out a school laptop, parents must sign a contract and pay an \$18 insurance fee.

Traditional Learning:

Lockers will not be used, as MS/HS scholars will only attend 4 classes per day.

For PE classes, scholars will need to wear shoes appropriate/safe for the gym floor, but will not be required to dress out.

Falcons' Nest care will be offered. Please review full back-to-school plan for details.

Sports offered in the fall will be softball and cross country.

There are no supply fees. Supply lists are available at:

<https://www.furlowcharter.org/supplylists>.