

# **SOUTH ADAMS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

## **2020-2021 At Home Learning ASSURANCES**

The following information outlines the expectations and assurances for families who have indicated that they would participate in the SA Learn at Home program to begin the 2020-2021 School Year.

### **The SA Learn at Home Option:**

South Adams Community Schools is committed to continuing to provide learning opportunities for families who choose to learn at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The South Adams Learn at Home option is a fluid program that allows families to choose learning at home as the situation warrants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The South Adams Learn at Home Option primarily consists of students participating in livestreamed classroom instruction. The goal of this option is to provide students an environment to participate in real time learning with their fellow classmates. High School and Middle School students will be assigned a schedule that they will follow each day.

Materials pick up for students choosing this option will be available Tuesday, August 11th from 10 AM to 6 PM.

- Middle School-Pick-up will be in the Elementary/MS Office foyer. (Door N5 or S17)
- High School-Pick up will be located in the hallway by the HS Office (Door N17)

### **The SA Learn at Home Option Commitment:**

South Adams Schools will:

- Provide instructional technology (iPad-Elementary, Laptop-MS/HS) for students learning at home
- Provide technical assistance through our technology department from 7:30 AM-3:30 PM each Monday-Friday.
- Provide daily instruction to students in a live-streamed format through Google Meets. If a family is unable to participate in the live-streaming environment, the class meetings will be recorded and available for students to view and then complete any classroom assignments.
- Respond to all email and CANVAS questions within 24 hrs during the school week (Monday-Friday)
- Maintain updated student records in PowerSchool to allow students/parents to monitor progress.
- Assist students and families who wish to return to school from the At Home learning setting.

The Parent/Guardian will:

- Consistently monitor their student's progress through both PowerSchool as well as communication with their students' teacher/s.

- Work with teachers and staff to provide an excellent educational environment for their at home student/s.
- Ensure their child has all of the necessary equipment and environment to participate in the at home delivery of instruction.
- Assist in facilitating communication when their student has a question for the teacher
- Provide a reliable Internet connection that allows students to livestream instruction and download videos (If this is a concern or becomes a concern support can be provided).
- Pick up and drop off any assignments as needed. Delivery of materials to home is not an option.

The Student will:

- Take an active role in the learning process.
- Login and actively participate in the lessons provided by their teachers during normal school hours.
- Complete all assignments and assessments within the parameters set forth by their teachers.
- Plan on following their assigned class schedule throughout the school day (Middle School and High School Students).
- Login in to class when directed by their classroom teacher (Elementary)
- Use communication avenues open to them through Canvas and email to ask questions of and communicate with their teachers.
- While participating in livestream instruction the student will ask questions through raising their hand on screen or writing their question/s in the chat box in Google Meets.

*\*If South Adams Schools find it necessary to or is required by local or state government agencies to learn from home for a period of time, all South Adams Students will move to the SA Learn at home option for the duration of the required closing.*

The Following are some general expectations and information of the SA Learn at Home Option:

## **Attendance Expectations**

Attendance of students will be tracked and monitored in the same fashion as if the student was attending the school building. All attendance policies apply. If your at home learner is ill, you are still required to call the school office to report the absence.

## **Testing and Assessment**

Students learning through the SA Learn at Home Option will be required to participate in all district and state-mandated screenings and assessments. At this time, students will be required to come to campus for assessments, such as PIVOT and ISTEP. A safe, secure environment will be provided for students. If this changes, we will notify you. Details will come at a later date.

## **Athletics and Extra-Curricular**

Per a decision by the South Adams Schools Board of Trustees, students that choose the SA Learn at Home Option will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or school sponsored athletics while they are utilizing the SA Learn at Home Option.

During the 2020-2021 school year, South Adams Schools may provide my student with access to online instruction. Such instruction can play a vital role in South Adams Schools virtual education offerings. As with any educational endeavor, a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience.

In situations where my student is required to download and/or stream online instruction, I understand my student is required to comply with ***South Adams School's At Home Learning Assurances***.

I also understand, in accordance with school policy and copyright law, any online instruction to which my student has access may only be, under any circumstances, used for its intended purpose and cannot be modified or otherwise disclosed or published, whether online or otherwise.

By signing below, I agree to abide by this agreement, South Adams School's policies and the law regarding access to online instruction.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date