

Connected Learning Expectations

What is Connected Learning?

Connected Learning (CL) is the option parents can choose for their children to receive remote instruction from home due to COVID health & safety concerns. At the Elementary level, it is expected that a parent/guardian will provide the monitoring necessary to keep the student engaged in his/her daily work and lessons. Connected Learning is much different than what was provided in the Spring. CL students are expected to be “in school” each day virtually. Parents of CL students should have completed the Connected Learning Commitment form at www.dentonisd.org/backtoschool . This link will also provide further details about the CL program.

Online Platform:

- Asynchronous assignments and instructional videos will be posted on the SeeSaw app for students in PK-5th grades, and are required for students to complete.
- Students will log into their SeeSaw account each day for their assignments
- Asynchronous assignments should be completed by the end of each day (by 11:59 pm) unless otherwise directed by the teacher. This allows students to work at their pace during the day.
- Connected Learning students are being graded on their work through our Elementary standards-based grading system, just as they were before the closure and just as our face-to-face students are.

Synchronous Instruction:

- While most of their learning will be asynchronous, CL Students should expect a certain amount of time each day engaged in synchronous (live) learning. Teachers will send video links through email or post in SeeSaw.
- All zoom/video invites by the teacher are considered part of their required learning, and students are expected to log on for these sessions. This may require parent support to help them stay on schedule and log in.
- All synchronous instruction will be provided during school hours, between 7:40 a.m. and 3:05 p.m., and will be scheduled based on the school’s master schedule for grade levels and special programs.
- All-day live streaming will not be occurring in the classrooms. All synchronous instruction will show the teacher providing the mini-lesson or small group/individual conferences, then ended when the lesson is complete.

Expectations for participation in live video instruction:

- Students should be dressed appropriately, per the Student Code of Conduct.
- Students should be logged in on time. Some sessions are individual or small group, and are on a timed schedule. Logging in late may cause the student to miss the session.
- In order for teachers to know who is present and participating, teachers may require that students turn on their video and be visible on screen.
- Just as in the classroom, students online are expected to be sitting up, engaged in the lesson, and in an area with no distractions (no phone use, tv, video games, music, etc.).

- If students are not able to follow the expectations, teachers may place them in the waiting room, or exit them from the lesson, and parent may be contacted.
- Teachers will do introductory lessons on how to mute their mic and turn video on and off, as well as how to log into live video platform and SeeSaw.
- **To protect the privacy of students, neither parents nor students may take or post pics or video of any live sessions.** If this happens, teachers may remove the student from the sessions.

Support from the Teachers/District:

- Teachers will communicate their available office hours to families. This is the time teachers will be available for questions and to provide additional support/clarification.
- Hotline – If you need assistance with SeeSaw or device log-in, please call 940-369-0545 or for Spanish – 940-369-2310.
- For additional digital support, please visit Denton ISD's digital support page at: <https://www.dentonisd.org/Page/102071>

Attendance:

- Teachers are required to take attendance for our Connected Learning Students each day.
- Attendance for remote instruction link: <https://www.dentonisd.org/Page/102252>