



Marlborough Public Schools

Transforming Education

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Remote Learning Guidelines and Expectations

Dear Remote Students and Families,

Thank you for your patience as we all become accustomed to the virtual classroom. Our remote teachers and classrooms are prepared to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of their students. The teachers have worked to ensure online instruction; learning and academic expectations are aligned to in-person expectations. While this is a new learning environment for us all, we are still members of Marlborough Public Schools, whether we are in the school buildings or at home, we have the same academic, attendance and behavioral expectations of all our students.

For Parents and Families:

Attendance will be taken each day. Students are expected to attend all their classes and engage in their learning every day. We understand that there will be days when illness or appointments prevent students from being in class, please email or message the classroom teacher to let them know your child will not be present for any part of the school day.

Create a quiet **learning environment** free from distractions. This is not always easy, especially during a time when everyone is home. Students will be in contact with their peers during the day, movement and loud noises in the background can become a distraction for everyone. Creating a designated learning space with the materials students need to get the work done leads to success.

Classroom teachers design their instruction to nurture **independent and confident** learners. Unlike the spring, teachers will be instructing students through the day, and parents do not need to provide the support that was necessary then. Encourage your students to ask questions when they do not understand. Teachers are the facilitators for learning and looking understanding of concepts and growth.

Tech Tools and technology are often causes of stress and frustration, If you are having problems with connectivity, learning platforms or devices, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or school and they will connect you to the right person.

For Students:

Students are expected to **complete their assignments and participate in their learning**. Unlike the spring, assignments will be graded and assessments will be given during the 2020/2021 school year. We encourage our students to persevere, even when the work is difficult. Teachers are always available to answer questions.

Be **ready for success**, comfort is key, but please remember that you are in school and should be ready to learn. Wear what you would to school.

Be **kind and respectful** to each other. Remote learning may cause frustration and stress at times, it is important to remain respectful of your peers and teachers. During these uncertain and stressful times, kindness goes a long way. Help each other navigate through fears and anxieties. Your teachers are there to help students cope with the anxieties of remote learning.

Ask for help, your teachers want to help you learn and grow. If you need to reach out to them, they have provided you and your parents with a variety of ways to communicate with them, both in class and privately.

Teachers will continue to communicate with families on a regular basis. They may not have time to respond to emails during the school day as they are teaching. For any other questions or concerns regarding remote learning, please contact Rupal Patel at rpatel@mps-edu.org

Be well,

The Marlborough Public Schools Remote Learning Team