

Morris Trialblazers

Parent Frequently Asked Questions Online Learning

Morris Middle School Distance Learning will begin Monday March 23, 2020. We have provided some FAQs to help everyone ease into online learning. We know that more questions will come up as we adjust to distance learning, so we have added a Google Form link to our school website for you to submit additional questions.

*****Connect students will continue in the platform as normal*****

When will online classes occur?

- *Online classes are flexible!* Students may complete their course work at any time throughout the day.
- Students will be provided with real time feedback and support from 9:00am -11:00am and 1:00pm – 3:00pm Monday - Friday.

How will my student learn?

- Students using Traditional Education will begin using Odysseyware, a virtual learning platform.
- Our CONNECT students will continue using the Summit Learning Platform.
- In order to maintain consistency, support our students, and provide regular instructional services, Morris teachers will be available from the hours of 9:00am -11:00am and 1:00pm – 3:00pm

How will students receive instruction?

- For Traditional Education students, their CORE instruction classes (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies) will use Odysseyware, accessed through the student portal. (<https://portal.pasadenaisd.org>) Pasadena ISD is loading all students to this platform where they will be able to complete online coursework. Teachers in these courses will be available each weekday from 9:00am -11:00am and 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- For CONNECT students, their CORE instruction classes (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies) will continue to use the Summit Learning Platform. Power Focus Areas and Additional will be adjusted accordingly. Connect students will continue to create weekly goals in the platform. Mentors will check in weekly with their mentees. Feel free to email any Connect teacher as a need arises.

What supplies will my student need?

- WiFi
- Tablet/Computer/Device
- Charger

Technology Uses or Needs?

- There are two location options for students needing a replacement device or software issues.
<https://tinyurl.com/PISDdevicesupport>

What are the expectations for students?

- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, students will be able to log in and complete their online learning activities on a regular basis. Students may work outside of official “office hours.”
- Complete course work at the pace recommended by the Pacing Guide per course.

- Contact your teacher as quickly as possible when you struggle or if you are stuck on an assignment.
- Monitor your weekly grade as calculated by your teacher and stay in communication with your teacher if you are concerned about a grade.

How will my student contact their teacher?

- Pasadena ISD Email
- Odysseyware Messenger
- Zoom Meeting

Who will help my student if they don't understand?

- Teachers will be available via email, Odysseyware Chat, and/or Zoom chat to answer any questions that students may have during office hours.

How will grading be handled?

- Odysseyware assignments will be taken for a grade.
- For CONNECT students, grades will continue just as they have been in the Summit Learning platform. Projects, Focus Areas and Additional will continue to factor into your student's grade.

What about their Fine Arts and Elective courses?

- Fine Arts teachers will contact students regarding weekly expectations.
- Your student should continue strengthening their ability to play their instrument, choir students should continue practicing scales and warm-up routines as practiced in class.
- Other elective courses will have assignments in Odysseyware for students to complete.

Will the school be open?

- Yes and no. **The school will NOT be open to visitors** but we will have a small number of staff on hand to answer the phones from 8:00-12:00 Tuesday-Thursday. These are the only people allowed inside the building at any time. We will not be able to allow you inside but we will address your concern as best as possible.
- The main phone line 713.740.0672.
- Questions regarding curriculum should be directed to the teacher via district email.
- You can always email an administrator, counselor, or campus content coach directly should you have any additional questions:

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How will I access WiFi if I do not have it?

- Comcast is offering a solution:
https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#undefined&all_Howdolgetthepromo
- You can also visit the Pasadena ISD page under the COVID-19 link>>Technology Home Internet Access and Device Support.
- Odysseyware and the Summit Platform can be accessed through a mobile website.

What happens if my student's technology is broken?

- You can seek support using this link for Pasadena ISD: [Device Tech Support Plan](#)

Will my student receive accommodations?

- Yes, students will continue to receive accommodations in accordance with their IEP or 504 paperwork.

Concerns??

- Our Counseling team is available for all our students! Links for counseling services and resources will be on our website soon.
- The STAAR test for all students across Texas has been waived for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The district will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch at each Pasadena ISD High School and at Beverly Hills Intermediate and Kendrick Middle School.
- As of now, we plan to return to school Monday, April 13, 2020, so all events following that date are still scheduled. As more information becomes available, we will share it with you.