



To: Parents and Guardians of Okaloosa County School Students

From: Curriculum and Instruction

Introduction to Online Learning

How will my student continue learning from home? Instruction will be delivered through a variety of online platforms. Most courses will be completed through Edgenuity, a leading provider of K-12 online curriculum and blended learning solutions. For courses not provided by Edgenuity, teachers will continue to deliver instruction, assignments, and assessments through links found on school faculty teacher pages. Your student's teachers will post more detailed instructions in the coming days. For our school directory, click here → <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/schools/home>.

How much time will my student spend online? Students *will not* be expected to devote the same amount of time on an electronic device as they spend attending an average school day in the school building. The amount of suggested screen time varies by the age of the student and the course. Consult the sample online learning schedules for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-12 for guidance.

- **Kindergarten through 2nd grade:** *Up to 2 hours per day* broken down into sessions of 25 minutes or less.
- **3rd through 5th grade:** *2 to 3 hours per day* broken down into sessions of 30-40 minutes or less.
- **6th-12th grade:** *3 to 4 hours per day* broken down into sessions of 40-60 minutes or less.

Times are approximate and can be adjusted to meet the needs of individual students.

What if I have multiple students and only one electronic device? Since students will not be expected to use a device all day, sharing is possible with a little planning. For instance, one student may be working on an online class while another is completing a physical education activity log and another is working on a reading log assignment. Go at a leisurely pace while learning at home. *Instruction takes fewer hours at home than it does at school* with a classroom full of other students engaged in a larger variety of instructional activities. Consult the sample online learning schedules for ideas about device sharing and refer to the video. *The example schedules are just that, illustrations of what a day could look like with time on devices shown in hour-long blocks of adjustable time. All other activities are optional.*

Who do I contact for help? Teachers will conduct office hours to answer both student and parent questions. For assistance with electronic devices, call the Technology Helpdesk at [\(850\) 897-2966](tel:850-897-2966).

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