



Student Expectations Oak Ridge School

During At Home Learning Time
Spring 2020



As we provide guidance, we want you to know:

- Sandwich Public Schools understands the serious impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are sympathetic to the many challenges our faculty, families and students are now facing.
- Our faculty and staff are committed to providing your student opportunities for both academic stimulation and peer socialization using online learning platforms.
- We do not expect caretakers to be homeschooling. We appreciate your support in keeping your children engaged in At-Home Learning Experiences so they will continue to grow as learners.
- Our school's focus on the 7C's can provide us with a touchstone to successfully navigate these difficult times, particularly communication and community. Your children know about the important abstract concepts like community, collaboration and creativity.
- We are in this together and we are here to support you and your child. Always feel free to reach out to Trish Hill, Brandy Clifford, or Anna Dunphy if we can help.
- We encourage all students to spend time each day in ways that support emotional well-being: creative, physical and reflective/mindful activities.
- Never before has a school-family partnership been more essential. Please keep the lines of communication open and we promise to do the same. The health and safety of our students, families, faculty and staff continue to be our utmost priority.

What to expect:

- Given the reality that our homes are now crowded, busy, work/school/daycare stations, it is not reasonable to assume that "In Real Time" learning will work for all family situations.
- Group Chats and/or the posting of videos for friendly check-ins to support emotional well-being will be offered.
- Teachers may choose to offer opportunities to meet virtually in real time.
- Teachers will focus on being visible and connected to students.
- Every effort will be made to respond to student/family inquiries within 24 hours via email.
- Students will be provided with approximately 3 hours of At-Home Learning experiences each day.
- At-Home Learning Experiences will be posted on the district website, by grade level, on the [Learning Resources page](#). Beginning the week of April 6th, new lessons will be posted every Monday.
- Oak Ridge teachers will post At-Home Learning Experiences in Google Classroom daily starting on April 1st. Specialists have created a website with a choice board that students should access each day.
- Teachers will host a morning meeting at a specific time each day, M-F. The link and time will be on the daily At-Home Learning Experiences page.



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- Oak Ridge teachers will use Google Classroom as the Learning Platform for At-Home Learning Experiences and student interactions. Many classes have been using Google Classroom for certain subjects and many students are very familiar with it. For other classes, there will be a learning curve for staff and students and we know that patience is necessary for growth.
- At-Home Learning Experiences provided by classroom teachers have been developed in collaboration with special educators and EL teachers.
- Students with disabilities will continue to receive accommodations, modifications, and/or specially designed instruction as determined by their IEP or Section 504 Plan to the greatest extent possible. Parents are encouraged to communicate with Sandwich staff with any suggestions on how to increase student access to At-Home Learning Experiences.
- The SPS technology department will provide support to faculty, staff, families and students as needed. Email the Help Desk at help@sandwich.k12.ma.us. Instructional videos and step-by-step instructions are available to students and caretakers at <https://www.sandwichk12.org/students-families/learning-resources> - scroll down.....
- Teachers will log in to their classes on Google Classroom, and connect with students each day.
- Students will be expected to check in on Google Classroom each day.
- Students will be expected to use appropriate behavior when online. [Please refer to this guidance for Google Classroom and Google Meet Etiquette.](#)
- Teachers will be available for “office hours” - a time when a student can check in via Google Hangout Meet to get help on an assignment or check in with a teacher. Information about Office Hours will be shared out by teachers to students and as they are established, they will be included in the Learning Experiences documents found on the website.
- Students are expected to submit assignments on-time, by the assignment due date. Teachers will document students' participation, attendance, and submission of work.
- Caretakers will be contacted by school administrators or counselors to check on a student's well-being if they are not actively engaged and visible.
- At- Home Learning Experiences will include a combination of on-line and off-line activities that do not require a screen.

[DESE Remote Learning Recommendations](#) 3/26/20

[DESE Components of a Remote Learning Schedule](#) 3/26/20

Grading

This guidance will be in effect from April 1, 2020 - return to school and all or parts may be revisited upon request.



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At this time, guidance from DESE recommends that courses will be graded as credit/non-credit for the time we are not in school. [DESE Guidance on Grading](#) 3/26/20

In order for Oak Ridge students receive credit/non-credit, the following criteria applies to work assigned during Trimester 3, which begins on Wednesday April 1, 2020:

- We expect students to show “Active Engagement”, which is defined as submitting work; connecting with teachers and classmates; and participation in collaborative discussions or projects
- Students are expected to maintain 80% participation in Google Classroom discussions, Virtual Meetings, Discussion Boards and any other virtual platform that is hosted or assigned by teachers. Students unable to attend in real time must reach out to the teacher to make other arrangements to connect
- Students must submit 80% of all At-Home Learning Experience Assignments by the dates assigned by the teacher.
- NEW: Teachers are not expected to “chase down” students who do not submit an assignment. If work submission is significantly lower than 80% over a two week period, an Assistant Principal will be in touch to learn why a student is not engaging in the class and meeting expectations.
- Work submitted will receive regular, timely, and specific feedback.
- Students will be informally assessed throughout the term to monitor their progress.
- Term 3 starts 4/1/20. Term 3 is considered an At-Home, remote learning term until the definitive return to school dates are set.
- Families should reach out to Trish Hill, Principal @ thill@sandwich.k12.ma.us if a student has not been able to meet the expectations for any reasons. We understand there may be many reasons why a student is not able to engage in school work in usual ways. These are not usual times, and Ms. Hill wants to support Oak Ridge Families.

*It has not yet been determined how the Final Grades for the Year will be recorded on Report Cards. We expect some guidance from DESE in the coming weeks.