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Pierre School District Elementary Online Programming

Families who choose to keep their elementary aged students home will be using a platform called Edgenuity. Edgenuity is a video-based curriculum (math, reading, language arts, science and social studies) where parents and students will be online 4-6 hours per day to monitor their own progress while completing lessons, assessments, and interactive activities. Expectations include: completing daily assignments and meeting deadlines. Parents/Students access the curriculum via the internet. If you do not have a device the Pierre School District will work with you to meet those needs. The courses use audio, video and text content and different types of assignments including writing assignments, projects, and graded tasks to support different learning styles.

Students will be expected to make adequate daily progress. Students have access to detailed statistics on their progress, including lesson completion percentages, a calendar of daily goal completion and scores on lessons and tests. Parents also have access to this information through a daily/weekly email from the Edgenuity platform. English Language Learners can translate a text into a specific language or select the option to hear it read aloud in their native language. More information can be found at <https://www.edgenuity.com/about-edgenuity/>

Students will be assigned a Pierre School District Elementary Teacher who will serve as a learning facilitator at their grade level. Any question that a student has would be directed to their Elementary grade level Facilitator who will help each learner troubleshoot their questions.

What should I do if I have a question on the content?

There will be an elementary teacher designated as the online learning facilitators. Email is the best way to contact these teachers, and they will work to meet the needs of each learner to assist them. Please understand that these grade level facilitators will be teaching a normal face to face class throughout the day.

What if I am struggling with the online option and decide that I would like to enroll in the regular face-to-face option at our Elementary Schools?

This will be allowed and families can establish a plan with Administration at each Elementary Building to make this transition. Edgenuity is a customizable product, which is aligned the content of each online course to mirror what is taught in the face-to-face class (as much as possible). It is critical that students stay current with the online work since the grades earned up to the transition point will follow them into the face-to-face classroom.

Do I still have to do the required state assessment?

Yes. Students in grades 3-5 are required to take the Smarter Balanced Assessment. In addition to Smarter Balanced, the 5th grade will also take the South Dakota Science Assessment. Counselors and Administrators will work with parents/students to complete these around the month of April.