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School District of Philadelphia Launches Webpage to Support Comprehensive Digital Learning Plan

PHILADELPHIA — The School District of Philadelphia has officially launched a digital learning webpage, making the suite of learning resources it has created to support learning from home publicly available to all District families, the Philadelphia community and any other K-12 district or school that can benefit from the information. This webpage supports the District’s Continuity of Education plan, which outlines its overall approach to support student learning while school buildings are closed due to COVID-19.

“We have worked diligently to develop a comprehensive program allowing our students and teachers to successfully engage in digital instruction and learning,” said Superintendent William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D. “I am extremely proud of all the dedicated educators who put this digital learning plan together. It’s just another example of the unwavering commitment our educators have to our students and how we’re trying to be supportive during the unprecedented times we’re all facing.”

The [webpage](#) includes digital learning materials and lesson plans in all subject areas for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade as well as activities for career and technical education, physical education, visual and performing arts and world languages. New materials are added each week for the upcoming week of instruction. Students and families will also be able to obtain resources for social and emotional development while teachers will have access to professional development resources.

On Monday, the District implemented its formal digital learning plan, which begins with two weeks of enrichment and review. Beginning May 4, teachers will provide three hours per day of planned instruction via Google Classroom. Student attendance will also officially be taken and digital learning on new material will begin with assignments graded by teachers. Details about Planned Instruction can be found [here](#). The District has shifted from four terms to three and each student's final grade will be an average of terms 1 through 3. The District will end instruction for all schools on June 12, 2020.

Though the District has transitioned to digital learning and instruction, it will continue to offer expanded opportunities for credit recovery, special education, and other programs to support students. Counselors will also remain available to assist high school seniors preparing for college and career, as well as any student who needs social/emotional support.

To support the plan, the District has distributed approximately 75,000 Chromebooks to help students participate in digital learning activities. Students and families can drop off Chromebooks in need of repair or service at one of two Parent & Family Technology Support Centers, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays. Families can also pick up a loaner Chromebook at these locations if they did not previously receive one through their student's school. Parents or guardians must bring some form of identification, and high school students should bring their School District ID badges. The Centers are located at: 440 N. Broad St. (Education Center), First Floor Lobby, Philadelphia, 19130; and FitzPatrick Annex Building (rear of FitzPatrick Elementary School), 4101 Chalfont Dr., Philadelphia, 19154.

The District has also been working with the City of Philadelphia to provide a comprehensive list of low-cost Internet options or details on accessing free WiFi mobile hotspots to ensure that students can use the Chromebooks provided for digital learning. More information on these free and low-cost internet options is available [here](#).

More information regarding the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and additional ways in which it continues to support students and families can be found by visiting www.philasd.org. Families are also encouraged to call the [District Hotlines](#) (available in ten languages), or email covid19info@philasd.org.

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