

Central Decatur Virtual (Remote) Learning Option

During the 2021-2022 school year parents may select a virtual learning option due to guidelines issued by the Iowa Department of Education related to Covid-19. If there are changes in the State's guidance, students may be required to return to in-person learning during the school year.

Please review the criterion listed below. Students must meet 2 of 3 minimum requirements in order to be eligible for online/remote learning in 2021-2022.

- Identified health need of student or immediate household family member (Dr. note provided to school)
- Successfully completed online learning in 2020-2021 with a B average or better in all classes.
- Missed less than 10% of google meet classroom sessions with Annie Nickell or Tricia Applegate in 2020-2021.

Please review the checklist below to see if virtual learning is the best option for your child. The skills listed are minimal skills needed in order for the student to be successful learning in a virtual setting.

___ Technology Skills

Student has strong computer skills and more than adequate experience using Google apps, Gmail and web browser.

___ Work and Study Habits

Student rarely needs reminders or assistance in completing routine assignments and has demonstrated good independent study habits.

___ Learning Style

In general, the student is self-directed and does not require real time feedback from teachers regarding basic directions and follow-up support.

___ Technology and Connectivity

Student has consistent internet access with at least moderate-speed internet service at home.

Central Decatur will supply:

Students in grades K-6-At least one device per family (based on availability)

Students in grades 7-12-One device per each student

___ Time Management

Student has demonstrated effective time management skills in doing research, basic studies and preparing for tests or quizzes.

___ Interest and Motivation

Student has an interest in the content area of the online course offering, and has a positive and realistic attitude toward online learning.

___ Reading and Writing Skills

Student is reading at or above grade level and has demonstrated success with a variety of writing assignments.

___ Support

Student has adequate support and supervision for learning at home.

If you are unsure if this is the appropriate option for your child's learning, please contact your child's principal.

If after a two week trial period of online learning you decide that virtual learning is not a good option for your child, you may contact your child's principal and transition to in-person learning. After the two week trial period:

- PK-12 students contact your child's principal to determine a start date for in-person learning.

Virtual Instruction

1. The curriculum materials will be provided by an external commercial product. The majority of the curriculum will be focussed on the Core; Math, Science, Reading Language Arts, and Social Studies. The district will select the electives that will be made available.
2. Virtual meetings (using Google Meet) will be scheduled to help students and parents understand how to access the curriculum.
3. A certified teacher will be assigned to check in with your child one time a week. It is the parent/family responsibility to teach the content and assist in the learning process. The teacher is only responsible for monitoring completion, and completing required testing.
4. Any child who is currently on an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) will receive additional services as outlined in the plan, and determined by the IEP team.
5. Students will participate in all standardized and required tests and screenings.
6. Students will follow the online curriculum and complete the required assignments each week according to the due dates.
7. All students are required to adhere to the district policies and guidelines that apply to learning at home.
8. Grades will become a part of the student's cumulative grade and file.
9. Students in grades 7 - 12 will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities (FFA, TSA, FBLA, athletics) and grading guidelines for participation will apply.

Online Course Policies

Access to the online courses imposes responsibilities and obligations upon users.

Appropriate use is:

- Characterized by ethical and honest behavior
- Demonstrated by respect for physical and intellectual property
- Responsive to system security protocols
- Respectful of individual rights to privacy and to freedom from intimidation, harassment, and unwarranted annoyance

In addition:

- Students will not attempt to bypass security protocols on servers or workstations.
- Students will adhere to Central Decatur's Acceptable Use Policy.
- All district policies related to academic honesty, participation, and attendance will apply to online courses.

Violation of any part of this agreement or engaging in any other activity that school authorities consider inappropriate will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with CD policies and procedures.

Online Attendance Policy

1. All students are required to log into their courses regularly in order to maintain enrollment and be considered in attendance.
2. Students need to make a major commitment and must interact with the content, discussion boards, and other course materials daily.
3. The assigned teacher will monitor course progress, and will contact the student and/or parent if a student is not on pace to complete the course. All communication and communication attempts with student and/or parent must be documented.
4. If students do not turn in assignments in a timely manner, their work may be considered late or missing unless an individualized learning plan is negotiated between the student, their parent, and the assigned teacher or principal.

Since this is a unique learning opportunity, we are requiring all parents to formally acknowledge the parameters of their choice for Virtual Learning. Student and parent signatures are required.

We agree to the conditions of Virtual Learning in the Central Decatur School District and understand what is expected to successfully complete the courses.

We understand it is the student's responsibility to find the means to login to the courses, fulfill all course requirements as directed, and to attend all mandatory testing sessions when directed by the district.

Parent's Name (PRINTED)

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Name (PRINTED)

Student's Signature

Date