



2020-2021

Frequently Asked Questions about Virtual Learning for Parents (updated 11.17.2020)

Thomas Gregg School has implemented a Virtual Learning Plan for Students and Families that will be used during the November 2020 - January 2021 school closure.

These FAQs are a quick way for students and parents to learn about the plan for TGNS students in grades PK-6. For a more detailed explanation of the Virtual Learning Plan, please visit our website at www.thomasgregg.org or contact your child's teacher directly.

What is the TGNS Virtual Learning Plan?

TGNS's Virtual Learning Plan is a fully virtual education approach to ensure continuous learning during the COVID-19 school closure. This includes robust online learning opportunities prepared by our teachers and staff that students will complete at home.

Is there a daily schedule that my child must follow during virtual learning?

Yes, each grade level has its own specific daily schedule that includes time for English / language arts, math, special areas, lunch, recess, grow time, science, and social studies. Students must log in to their class session corresponding to the subject area. Each grade level schedule and login instructions can be found on our website at www.thomasgregg.org.

What device does my child need for virtual learning?

Students will return home with their assigned iPad (PK-2nd grade) or Chromebook (3rd-6th grade) as well as their charger and other necessary workbooks and supplies.

What if my family does not have Internet access?

If you do not have internet access, please call the school at 317-226-4215 so we can request a portable MiFi device for your family.

How does my child turn in their work?

Most student assignments will be uploaded by your child's Schoology teacher in the appropriate subject course. Instructions for accessing Schoology will be included with the delivery of the device. Also, the e-learning programs we will be using can directly save your child's progress and the teacher can see it right away.

Will students receive grades during this time?

During virtual learning, our regular grading scale will be applied. Your child's teacher will grade homework, tests, quizzes, etc. Students and students will receive feedback on their work to improve. Therefore, it is VERY important that your child participate in a virtual class every day and complete all assigned work.

How will school attendance be taken?

During virtual learning this fall, all regular school attendance policies and requirements apply to students and their families. If your child needs to be absent, please call the school at 317-226-4215 before 9:00 am to report the absence. Your child's teacher will follow up with missing assignments or access to recorded lessons to make up for missed work.

Students joining for virtual instruction after 8:10am will be considered tardy and after 10:30sm will be considered absent.

How many days a week were planned for virtual learning?

Virtual learning will take place 5 days a week starting Monday, November 23, 2020. IPS has stated that virtual learning will continue at least until January 18, 2020, at which time it will be re-evaluated to see whether students can return to -school staff or whether virtual learning should continue.

How will virtual learning instruction occur?

Instruction can occur in several ways. Teachers will provide daily live instruction on Microsoft Teams or Zoom, as well as opportunities for individual and small group instruction through small live groups, recorded videos, or Schoology assignments. Teachers can also call students for support over the phone. Students and their families should review the TGNS e-Learning Expectations document for a specific breakdown of what students should participate in daily.

How will my student get help with an assignment or skill?

Students can receive instructional support daily during instructional time in their grade level schedule. Our virtual instructional model allows teachers time to conduct whole group live instruction (synchronous learning), as well as guided practice (semi-synchronous learning) and independent / small group practice (asynchronous learning). Parents and students can contact the teacher directly by email using the contact information provided on our website or linked here.

Will there be art, music, physical education, and social / emotional learning activities?

Yes, our special area team will prepare weekly activities for each grade and provide live instruction to each class. Recorded assignments and lessons can also be accessed through Schoology. Students are expected to complete assigned work in the Special Area as part of their general e-learning expectations. These activities and tasks aim to encourage and improve fitness, wellness, fine arts, and social / emotional skills.

What if my child has an IEP or 504?

To the greatest extent possible, we will work to implement your child's IEP / 504. All instruction will be aligned to academic standards and skills, with an ongoing focus toward progressing the IEP / 504 goals. TGNS special education teachers will communicate directly with students on their cases to interact with and offer students support for. If you have any questions, please contact your child's special education teacher, classroom teacher, or social worker directly.

What if my child is an English as a Second Language (ESL) student and has an ILP?

To the greatest extent possible, we will work to implement your child's ILP. All instruction will be aligned to academic standards and skills, with an ongoing focus toward progressing ILP goals. TGNS ESL teachers will communicate directly with students on their cases to interact with students and offer support. Please contact your ESL teacher, classroom teacher, or social worker at your child's school directly if you have any questions.

What if my child needs to be absent from school?

During virtual learning,, all regular school attendance policies and requirements apply to students and their families. If your child needs to be absent, please call the school at 317-226-4215 before 9:00 am to report the absence. Your child's teacher will follow up with missing assignments or access to recorded lessons to make up for missed work.

It is VERY important that your child arrives to their live sessions on time every day for instructions. It is also very important for your child to participate in discussions and complete all assignments so that their grade can be an accurate representation of their knowledge and skill level.

What if my child has difficulty concentrating, experiences anxiety, or experiences other difficulties during this time and needs help?

The TGNS Student Services team is available to help your child and family with any need. Contact the school at 317-226-4215 or info@thomasgregg.org with your questions or concerns and a member of the Student Services team will contact you. Additionally, the TGNS Social / Emotional Coach, School Social Worker, and Dean of Culture will provide students and families with relevant resources through the school website, Schoology, and / or social media.

What if my family needs help with food, housing, or has another need?

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