

Iredell Statesville Elementary Virtual / Online Learning Information

This upcoming year 2020-2021 Iredell Statesville will begin offering virtual / online learning at all 17 of our elementary schools. We do recommend face to face instruction as the best option for our students, however, if you are interested in your child participating in our virtual options, please read the frequently asked questions below. This information can assist you in deciding if virtual learning is the best option for your child.

*Is virtual / online learning the same as remote learning which took place from March until June?

*-No. Virtual / Online learning is a **learning choice** where students complete and turn in their required coursework completely online as assigned. Remote learning is provided when students are not able to attend class in a building. The virtual / online learning is provided through online programs and by teachers who meet virtually with students. Teachers will meet with students during assigned times throughout the week.*

*Is virtual / online learning the same as what we offer at the Elementary iAcademy?

-No. The Elementary iAcademy is a partnership with our homeschool families. Elementary iAcademy students are also registered as homeschool students who receive both face to face instruction and virtual learning. The virtual / online learning from each elementary school will be facilitated by teachers from your child's school.

*What grade levels and subjects will be covered with elementary virtual / online learning?

-Students in grades K-5 will be able to participate in virtual / online learning. Reading and mathematics will be the focus subject areas. Other subjects such as science and social studies will be embedded during reading and math instruction. Enhancement areas such as art, music, and p.e. will not be included in virtual / online learning.

*What would a typical day be like for my child during virtual / online learning?

-With virtual / online learning, students are able to complete their work during a time that works for them. Teachers will schedule times to meet with the students, however the assigned work can be completed at any point as long as the assignments are completed within a due date assigned by the teacher.

*What does my child need to be a virtual / online student?

-Your child will need access to the internet and a technology device (ipad, laptop, desktop). If you do not have access to a technology device, your school can work with you to provide one.

*Is there attendance taken? How will grading work?

-Attendance is not taken for students who work virtually / online. However, students are required to meet with the teacher virtually during assigned times and complete assigned work. Virtual / Online students will have grades for reading and mathematics. Grades will be assigned based on your child's completed work.

*What happens if my child doesn't complete the assigned work?

-The virtual / online teacher will let you know if your child is behind on their assigned work. If the work continues to be incomplete, your child will be recommended to return to face to face classroom instruction in the building.

*Does a student working virtually / online have to complete state assessments?

-Yes, your child will need to attend school in the classroom for days when state assessments are completed.

*What type of students have success completing virtual / online learning?

-Students who typically have success with virtual / online learning are self sufficient students who are able to keep up with and complete assigned tasks with limited guidance. Support at home is also an essential component to success.

*What if I start virtual / online learning and it's not the best fit for my child?

-Your child remains enrolled at their home school, so if you discover virtual / online learning is not the best fit for your child, he / she is able to return to the classroom for face to face instruction. We do ask whatever type of learning you decide is best for your child to give it a try for a period of time. It will not help your child to continue to switch throughout the year.

*If I would like to enroll my child to be a virtual / online learner what do I need to do?

-Please contact your child's school and let them know you would like him / her to be a virtual / online learner. The school will share the guidelines with you and provide you with more information as we begin the 2020-2021 school year.