

## **North Davis Preparatory Academy Distance Learning Program 2020-2021**

Welcome to NDPA Distance Learning Program for the 2020-2021 year. We are so excited you decided to join this platform and look forward to navigating online learning with our students.

As we embark on this upcoming school year, we recognize our students and families have chosen this platform for a variety of reasons and we are excited to work together to not only meet our students' educational goals, but also to help families by having consistent, reliable, and quality educational experiences.

This letter is intended to provide you with a framework for what you can expect as a student and family participating in our distance learning program. Your student will have a dedicated teacher that will be available from 9-3pm Monday-Thursday and Friday's from 9-1pm. Students will be assigned a home room teacher, who will work directly with the students/parents. Our teachers will have weekly class meetings, daily office hours, and supplemental instructional lessons. They will work closely with the students and the at-home learning coach to ensure that students are able to access, engage, and meet the course objectives. Students and teachers may also arrange to meet in small groups for additional academic support as needed. NDPA will be using curriculum from Savvas Learning Company for grades K-9.

Students will participate in all school wide standardized assessments unless opted out by parents. Because of the nature of online education, we are able to personalize the curriculum to meet the needs of the students. Which may mean that a student can work ahead or take additional time to work on achieving growth and proficiency.

Students can expect to spend an average of 2-4 hours on their course work depending on grade level. We will provide recommendations for families and students in order to best accomplish and structure their day, but these can be tailored to meet the needs of the students.

Meet our teachers:

Mrs. Kim Loose will be our kindergarten and first grade teacher

Mrs. Sonia DePedro will be our second and third grade teacher

Mrs. Jessica Bryant will be our fourth -sixth grade teacher

Mrs. Necia Wiggins will be our seventh-ninth grade teacher

Your teacher will be contacting you next week to welcome you to her class. We have a great team and are excited for you to have this opportunity to be part of our distance learning program!

## FAQs

### **How does the NDPA Distance Learning Program compare to the remote learning that happened during the soft closure of Spring 2020?**

Remote learning that occurred in the Spring was a temporary solution to an ever-evolving crisis. We embarked on the soft closure thinking it would only be for two weeks, and as the situation with Covid continued to change, we adapted and adjusted. Our Distance Learning program we are using this year will have teachers dedicated to online learning only, and standardized platforms that make the experience for teachers, students, and families a positive experience. The distance learning school is not a replacement for a traditional classroom experience; however, it will offer a well-designed, rigorous academic experience for our students.

### **What if NDPA goes into a soft closure again?**

If a soft closure occurs again, there will be little to no change for our students in the distance learning program.

### **What if I am enrolled in the hybrid program at NDPA, can I move into the distance learning program whenever I want?**

We are going to have students remain in the platform they choose for at least a period of one term (10 weeks) before making any changes. In the event that a student is impacted by a 2- or 3-week quarantine or for any other short-term illness, students will remain in their enrolled option and receive support via Canvas and general communication channels as we would with any other absence.

### **Can Junior High Students enrolled in the distance learning program participate in sports or other school activities?**

The short answer is yes. The more complicated answer is, at this time we are uncertain what extracurricular activities we will be offering right now. As we embark on the school year, and determine what activities can be held with all of the proper protocols in place we will communicate that out to all of our students.

### **Can we check out a computer or other device?**

Yes, we will have devices available for students to check out if needed. Because of a shortage on computers currently, we are only able to check out one computer per family if needed. There will be a \$15 security deposit, which will be returned once the device is returned undamaged. Device checkout will be **Aug 14<sup>th</sup> between 10am-3pm in the Junior High Gym.**

**How will the Spanish DLI program be supported in the distance learning platform?**

We are in the process of building and incorporating the DLI program in our distance learning platform. We will use software programs such as Imagine Espanol and. This will not begin until at least a month into the school year. Spanish is the heart and soul of our school, we will be working with our DLI team to ensure we create a solid distance learning program for our students.

**If I participate in the distance learning program, will I lose my spot in the immersion class?**

No, we are not going to replace those spots this year.