

## **DISTANCE LEARNING FAQ'S FOR 2023/2024**

Q: What day does school start for a distance learning student?

A: Distance Learning students will have access to their classes starting on August 11th.

Q: Will my student still be permitted to attend EKA events or participate in field trips and after-school activities?

A: Yes. Distance Learning students will be notified about all EKA events, field trips and after school activities so they can participate.

Q: Are EKA teachers teaching the Distance Learning classes?

A: The majority of the online classes are taught by the teachers from the Distance Learning program, not EKA teachers. If need arises, classes may be taught by EKA teachers..

Q: Are there specific dates and times for my student to attend the Distance Learning classes?

A: It depends on the grade level. Most of the classes are asynchronous (no specific date or time) and students have one semester to finish them at their own pace. There is an expectation that students will spend a minimum of 5.5 hours per school day working on the assigned coursework, checking in with their online instructors, viewing instructional videos, and/or actively engaging in other components of their assigned online program. Some classes may require a weekly check in at a specific time, but you will be notified if your student has one of these types of classes. EKA's student support team will also be checking in with students to make sure they are making progress and not waiting until the end of the semester to start their classes.

In general, K-3 students are required to meet with their Homeroom Teacher in 1:1 Synchronous Benchmark Assessments in ELA and Math (approximately 3 times each semester).

K-5 is asynchronous, teachers hold small and large group sessions for specific topics starting in September and October. Students can always schedule 1:1 Zoom meeting with their teacher during their available times.

6-12th is asynchronous where students do not have a specific class time. Students can always schedule 1:1 Zoom meeting with their teacher during their available times.

Q: Can I switch out of Distance Learning and move to In Person classes at any time?

- A: No, a student must remain in either Distance Learning or In Person classes for a semester. There are no mid-semester transfers. Once a student starts school either In Distance Learning, they must remain there until the end of the semester.
- Q: What school supplies will my student need for Distance Learning?
- A: Please see our Distance Learning School Supply list. It can be found on our website.
- Q: Do I need to purchase books for the Distance Learning classes?
- A: Yes, some courses require a workbook. They will be available for sale on EKA's website at [ekacademy.org/store](http://ekacademy.org/store).
- Q: What support will my student receive for this program?
- A: The course teachers, a liaison from the Distance Learning software company and a support team member from EKA.
- Q: Will my student ever need to come to campus?
- A: Yes. Distance Learners must report to campus, as stated in their contract, for assessments such as proficiency tests, science, assessments, ELL, MAP, SBAC, and as required by EKA.
- Q: How is attendance taken for Distance Learning students.
- A: Distance Learners must communicate with their EKA liaison at least once a week, by replying to an attendance email. Daily attendance will be taken by the EKA liaison by checking the active time/activity report in the Distance Learning Management System.