

Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis
Virtual Learning Plan
2020-2021

Instructional Expectations

Whole group instruction will be live (synchronous) and each lesson will be recorded and posted for later viewing. Whole group instruction will be approximately 15-20 minutes per day per subject and will be followed with classroom activities as determined by the teacher. Students will receive a minimum of 1 hour of small group or individual instruction in each of the core content areas weekly. Independent practice will be assigned on a daily basis and lessons will follow district curriculum and state standards.

Instructional Hours

Students will be expected to log in from 8 am - 1 pm Monday through Friday. Attendance will be taken daily and assignments will be graded. Specific schedules for each child's learning will be shared by individual school buildings. From 1 pm - 3 pm the schedule allows for students to receive additional individual or small group assistance.

Lesson Delivery

All classes in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will utilize SeeSaw as their learning platform. All classes in Grades 3-12 will utilize Google Classroom as their learning platform. Zoom will be utilized for instructional delivery. Students will access class meetings through links that will be provided by teachers.

Learner Expectations

Students are expected to log in by 8 am each day and stay for the entire instructional day. It is the expectation for students to be dressed appropriately and for the camera to be turned on at all times as much as possible. It is very helpful for a quiet and organized environment to be created in the home to help students to better attend. This environment should contain school materials that are already prepared and ready to use, including a fully charged Chromebook. Classroom teachers will teach and review expectations about virtual learning throughout.

Virtual Assignments

Course work should be submitted through Seesaw and Google Classroom. Assignments will be based on the Missouri Learning Standards and need to be completed by the due date. Daily attendance and participation will be recorded as part of the grade on the report card. Students may be asked to access the following programs: IXL, iReady (Tier2/3), RazKids (Reading), Aleks (6-12 Math), Zearn (Math), Khan Academy. Other online resources may be used.

Chromebook and Internet Access

Chromebooks will be distributed by each building and to every student to use for their educational use. If a family is in need of assistance for internet connection they should contact the main office of the student's school and make a request. Hot spots have limited data and

should only be used for school purposes. If technical issues arise families should utilize the information found under Technology Support and Training.

Assessments

Students will continue to complete online assessments such as Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and iReady. These assessments are used as universal screeners to indicate a student's current level of achievement and growth over time. It is important to assess what students can do independently therefore it is important for students to complete these assessments without assistance. These assessments are not included as a part of a student's grade.

Student Support

Students will be assigned a staff member to serve as an advisory teacher. This teacher will be a point person for each student, someone who will check in with students on a weekly basis to discuss progress. If families have questions, concerns or need clarification about something beyond classroom work or assignments, we encourage them to reach out to the assigned advisory teacher. Building administrators will still be available to respond to questions as well. Teachers will provide detailed instructions about how to contact them with academic related questions.

Special Education and English Language Learner

Special education and ELL teachers will continue to provide **all** services virtually as indicated on the student's IEP or individual learning plan. Any questions can be directed to the student's case manager.

Communication

Families will receive weekly communication via email from individual schools. **Emails will come from Concept SIS.** Please make sure to check your spam folder if you are not receiving notifications. Families will be given a school directory with the phone numbers and emails of staff within the school building. The main office of each building will be accessible by phone and by appointment.

Technology Support and Training

If families need technical support with the Chromebook, internet connection, etc., each building has a contact person:

Mr. Bayar at South ebayar@gsasouth.org

Mr. Royal at Smiley rgasimov@gsastl.org

Mr. Zack at Fyler zack@gsastl.org

Families can access instructions about navigating SIS, Seesaw or Google Classroom from the school's website and the information will be shared via email.

