

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Expected of Students under the new GPS Remote Learning Plan?**

- The GPS Remote Learning Plan is designed to provide “meaningful and manageable” learning opportunities for all GPS students while schools are closed, to help prepare them for returning to school as soon as possible!
- Students are expected to participate in learning activities for roughly half of the hours of a regular school day, including both teacher- directed and self-directed activities.
- Remote Learning is NOT the same as Online Learning. The Remote Learning Plan encourages a wide variety of learning opportunities, including both online and offline.
- According to the Commissioner’s guidance, students should participate in physical activity daily

### **What is Expected of Teachers & Staff?**

- All teachers and staff are working during school closure.
- Teachers are posting student assignments (e.g. using Google Classroom or teacher websites), as well as providing regular feedback and check-ins with students throughout the week.
- Teachers are also hosting “Office Hours” to assist students and families. Please check with your child(ren)’s teacher about their Office Hours.
- According to the Commissioner’s guidance, learning assignments are generally meant to reinforce concepts, not introduce all new material.
- Teachers’ hours are flexible, for approximately half of their regular hours, during school closure.
- Work will be graded on a “Credit” / “No Credit basis” with teacher feedback

### **What is expected of Families under the new GPS Remote Learning Plan?**

- Families are NOT expected to “become the teacher.” We understand families are juggling a lot right now. If you have questions, please ask. We are here to help!
- Some families want a very structured experience for their child(ren), while some have asked for assignments to be very limited due to other demands. We are trying to respect these very different situations families are facing, and offer a range of learning opportunities for students.
- Please ask your child’s teacher or principal if you have any questions, or need additional support.

### **How Does the Remote Learning Plan Use Technology?**

- Chromebooks have been loaned to families who requested them to access the Remote Learning Plan assignments
- Teachers will not be using Zoom due to student privacy concerns
- Specialized platforms may be used with permission for specialized services (e.g. Counseling)
- Teachers may be communicating with students and families through:
  - Google Classroom or Teacher Website
  - Remind App
  - GPS Email
  - GPS’ new Youtube Channel, Go Green Wave!

### **How will my Child’s Special Education and Section 504 Plan Services be Provided?**

- IEP and 504 Services will be provided according to individual students’ Special Education Student Remote Learning Plans
- Specialized platforms may be used with parental permission for specialized services (e.g PT/OT)
- Special Education staff are reaching out to families to discuss services during school closure.
- If you have any questions about IEP or 504 Plans, please reach out to the Pupil Services Office.