



School District of the City of Pontiac

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Dear Pontiac School District Families,

The school year is now in full swing and we are pleased and excited to see our students adapting and thriving in the virtual environment, in spite of the unusual circumstances. To date, we are still planning on returning to in-person school following the end of the first quarter (October 30, 2020), provided it is safe to do so. We will continue to monitor the status of the pandemic in our area and will not be taking the safety of our families and staff lightly.

During this time, please know that although we are learning in a remote setting, the state requirements for schooling and attendance are still mandatory. Please see the information regarding state truancy requirements below (this can also be found on page 21 of the Student Code of Conduct.)

Truancy: Under the legislation (Senate Bills 103-106 regarding Truancy VS. Chronic Absenteeism) truancy is defined as a child who has 10 or more unexcused absences per school year. A pupil may be considered truant only once in a particular school year. Chronically absent is defined as a child who is absent for 10 percent or more of the scheduled school days in a school year.

It is imperative that students log in and/or connect with their teacher for class daily in both the morning and afternoon on Mondays thru Thursdays. On Fridays, elementary students are required to log in to attend enrichment and specials classes. Secondary students can reach their teachers on Fridays for office hours and extra support when needed.

All students are required to complete and submit all assigned work to their teachers on time. If your student is experiencing technical difficulties or is in Kindergarten or First grade, a photo of work can be texted or e-mailed to your teachers. Additionally, completed printed work packets for those grades can be turned in at your school during food service distribution each Wednesday between 10-12. Additional arrangements can be made by contacting your child's teacher.

Devices for Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade students will be given out beginning the first week of October.

Assessments will be administered to all students beginning next week. Progress reports will be distributed, and report cards will be given, as always, at the end of each marking period.

If your student has not signed in for classes yet this year, please contact your school principal right away so that they can begin now.

Parents can also contact their child's school for the daily schedule and teacher office hours. Many of these details can also be found on the school pages of our website at www.pontiacschools.org. Should you or your student need additional guidance, our Parent Enrichment Hotline is available M-F from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 833.942.1060.

Thank you,

Kelley Williams, Superintendent