

CANDEO DISTANCE LEARNING (DL) FAQs

WILL ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY IN DISTANCE LEARNING?

Yes. If you opt for our Integrated On-Campus Learning (IOCL) program, your child will learn remotely every fourth week according to a specific “Learning Track.” If you opt for our full time Distance Learning (DL) program, your student will learn remotely every school day.

WHEN DO I NEED TO COMMIT TO DISTANCE LEARNING AS MY PROGRAM OF CHOICE?

The final date to register for DL is Wednesday, July 15th. If, after that date, your family would like to choose DL, you should reach out to your Head of School for next steps.

ARE THERE LIMITED SPOTS?

No.

IS THERE ADDITIONAL COST?

No.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND DURING THE YEAR?

Students may transfer to our DL program at any time during the year, but reentry to our IOCL program must take place at the start of a new quarter.

HOW WILL THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM BE DIFFERENT THAN LAST YEAR’S REMOTE LEARNING EXPERIENCE?

The program is similar in that students will be provided curriculum materials and digital resources uploaded through Google Classroom for home access. Classroom videos of instruction may be included. There will be regular check-ins with the classroom teacher and daily access to

teacher assistants, but parents are the main support for students, especially younger children in Grades K-3. Students in DL may also work with a different Candeo teacher from within the network of schools. This year, there is the addition of state-mandated accountability for work completion, grades, and attendance. For more information, please refer to our Candeo Distance Learning (DL): What It Is and What It Is Not document.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT ENROLLED IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM, BUT GETS SICK AND HAS TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Any child who is home sick may complete work through the DL program to keep up with the class during his or her absence. However, if he or she is unable to complete the work at a distance due to sickness, makeup work will be provided upon return. The student will have the same number of days as the absence to make up missed work. Students absent from school for prolonged periods of time will NOT be required to enroll in DL, but they may if they desire. If you believe your child(ren) will be out for an extended period of time, please consult with your Family and Community Relations Specialist, and he or she will assist you.

WILL A COMPUTER BE AVAILABLE IF I DO NOT HAVE ONE?

Yes. If you do not have access to a computer with internet connection, your school will provide you with a device. If internet connectivity is not available, the school will assist in helping your family connect with internet providers and options to meet learning needs. Simply contact our Family and Community Relations Specialist, and he or she will assist you.

HOW WILL I GET TEXTBOOKS?

Most of our curriculum resources are online. You will be provided access to these and other resources through Google Classroom. Some resources used for study, such as our classic novels, may be part of the “consumables” collection and belong to your child.

IF MY CHILD ENTERS THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM, WILL HIS OR HER SEAT REMAIN AVAILABLE AT MY HOME CAMPUS?

Yes. Your child remains enrolled at your Candeo Schools campus even though he or she is learning remotely.

WILL THE CURRICULUM BE THE SAME?

Yes. We always adhere to Core Knowledge Curriculum learning objectives and content, which can be met either through DL or IOCL. While classwork is generally the same between DL and IOCL, there may be some variation in how content is accessed and objectives are met. Additionally, lessons sync week by week between programs.

WHO WILL GRADE MY CHILD'S WORK?

Daily assignments will be reviewed and graded primarily by the classroom teacher or a designated teacher assistant.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE ASSESSED?

Classroom teachers will assign both formative and summative assessments to students. How and where those assessments will be administered will be decided by the teacher.

HOW WILL I TRACK MY CHILD'S ACADEMIC PROGRESS?

Students' grades are accessible online through the Tyler SIS parent portal. Each family will have a unique login and password provided by the school.

WILL MY 8TH GRADER'S GRADES TRANSFER TO HIGH SCHOOL?

Yes. Students are in the same classes as they would be if they were learning on campus.

WHAT PLATFORMS WILL BE USED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Our learning management system comprises Google Classroom and Zoom.

HOW WILL WORK BE TURNED IN?

Students enrolled in the DL program will submit work twice per week through Google Classroom. Students enrolled in the IOCL program will submit work each day of their Distance Week through Google Classroom.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS OR CLUBS WHILE I AM IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM?

Yes. As a student enrolled in a Candeo school, you may participate in athletics, clubs, academic

teams, performing arts programs, and other extracurricular activities offered by the school. However, certain health protocols will be in place any time students are in close contact. For inquiries, please contact our Family and Community Relations Specialist at the front desk, and he or she will assist you.

WILL THERE BE A CHANCE FOR PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES IN DISTANCE LEARNING?

Formal conferences will be held virtually in October and in the Spring, but parents are always free to reach out to teachers and school leadership via email. Your classroom teacher will also schedule meetings with you regarding student progress.

CAN I STAY IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR?

Yes. The choice to remain in the program all year is yours.

HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM?

Complete the family survey prior to July 15, 2020 and notify your Head of School.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE REQUIRED PER DAY? ARE THERE SYNCHRONOUS REQUIREMENTS?

Very little synchronous learning will be required; the program is designed mainly with asynchronous video support. The workload is based on a 5-day-per-week schedule.

- K-2: 2-3 hours per day
- 3-5: 3-4 hours per day
- 6-8: 4-5 hours per day

WILL THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT?

The classroom teacher and/or the designated teacher assistant will answer questions about the content via email, but there will not be opportunities for synchronous tutoring. The classroom teacher will conduct regular virtual check-ins with the student, and the teacher assistant will be available at scheduled times in the week for formative feedback.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A PARENT?

Depending on the age and ability of your child, parents may need to support their child with accessing technology and providing a quiet space in which to complete work. Younger students in K-3 will rely more heavily on their parents for assistance with concept development, tutoring, and guidance.

ARE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AVAILABLE?

Yes. We will support all students who require special services. Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) or 504 accommodations will continue to work with their teachers or service providers in Special Education. Gifted testing and enrichment opportunities will also be available.

WHAT ABOUT STATE TESTS?

Students in DL will still be required to complete state-mandated standardized testing. A student's home campus will make arrangements with the family for testing.

CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN MORNING GREETING?

Yes. Your child can access the school's daily morning greeting with their peers and the Head of School via Zoom. Opportunities to participate in recitations will also be available. Your child can reach out to the DL teacher or the grade-level classroom teacher to request a date for recitation.

CAN MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN REACH AND KNOWLEDGE CELEBRATIONS?

Virtual opportunities will be available for REACH assemblies, and pending the safety of our students, Knowledge Celebrations may be either virtual or managed on-site with social distancing measures. Please communicate with your child's grade-level teacher as celebrations and REACH assemblies draw near.

HOW DO I MANAGE HOT LUNCH ORDERS FOR MY CHILD?

Families manage their own meals online through the school's service provider, My Hot Lunch Box (myhotlunchbox.com).

IS THERE SUPPORT FOR MY CHILD'S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING WHILE AWAY?

Yes. The Candeo staff will be trained on how to help our students and families cope with the ever-changing landscape of school. Teachers, administrators, and support staff will help guide families to support resources within the community. Your main contact for resources and needs as a distance learner is your Family and Community Relations Specialist at your school.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

The Candeo Schools administrative team will host a virtual parent meeting, during which information about our dual model (IOCL/DL) will be shared. Please watch for upcoming school communication regarding the date and time for the meeting. Additionally, you may contact your Family and Community Relations Specialist at your home campus, and he or she will assist you.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I NEED HELP?

It depends. If your question is about the coursework, you will contact your designated teacher assistant. If your question is about any other matter, you will contact your Family and Community Relations Specialist, and he or she will assist you.

Family and Community Relations Specialists may be reached at the following emails:

Candeo Peoria: peoria.info@candeoschools.com

Candeo North Scottsdale: ns.info@candeoschools.com