

## Remote Learning FAQs

### What is it?

Steger School District 194 teachers will be educating your child through an online curriculum. You still need to register your student with Steger School District 194 and pay appropriate fees. Your student will be expected to complete activities and cover the same academic standards covered in the classroom. This format is different from the Spring 2020 Covid-19 closure.

### What subjects will my child study?

Reading, English Language Arts, math and science are the core courses for K-4. K-4 Specials will be provided occasionally. English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies, are the core courses for 5-8. Grades 5-8 will also have daily ENCORE/specials. According to Illinois state code, instructional time is defined by 5 hours for grades K-8. **Your student's day will start at 8:00 for Columbia Central and Steger Intermediate Center and 8:45 Steger Primary Center. Attendance will be taken daily.**

### What is the parent's role?

The parent role is important for the overall success. The parent is not expected to be the teacher; however, you can assist the teacher and student. The parent works in conjunction with the teacher to facilitate progress through daily lessons and working to modify the pace and schedule according to the student's needs. The parents act as a learning coach/guide who facilitates progress through daily lessons. Suggested weekly lesson plans are provided and assignments will be completed through Google Classroom platform. The lesson plans can be varied to accommodate the child's pace or abilities. A wide array of practical advice, tips, and substantial support is always available. You will be working closely with your student every day to ensure they are staying on track. Please check your students' assignments in PowerSchool and Google Classroom. The teacher will remain constantly involved monitoring progress, ensure mastery, and develop specific intervention plans when a child is struggling.

### What about the educational standards?

The lessons will follow the Illinois State Educational Standards and the Common Core Standards.

### What role do computers play?

Instruction will be delivered online. Instruction will include, but not be limited to, attendance tracking, lesson plans, resources, materials, and so much more.

### Will my child be sitting in front of a computer all day?

Students will be working a full school day. They will participate and attend online classes with their teacher and classmates, as well as complete online lessons and assessments independently. In addition to their online classes, they'll do offline projects and reading, and work with hands-on materials. Other work to be completed offline will include reading books, solving math problems on paper, drawing, and conducting science experiments. Middle school students have more refined reading skills, so instruction and activities involve increased computer use according to educational standards. However, offline work will always be essential.

**Will textbooks and other instructional materials be provided?**

Yes, Steger School District will provide textbooks and instructional materials. Families may need to pick up materials from the home school throughout the instructional period.

**How will this work for children with special needs or gifted children?**

The teacher will provide tools that allow students to work at their own pace. Teachers will work with children who need extra time to master a subject as well as those who learn quickly.

**How much time do K-8 students spend on the computer?**

Computers help us provide instruction, assessment, planning and time management tools. Your child will spend close to 2.5 hours receiving live instruction. Your child will also participate in independent activities.

**How do students interact socially?**

Students will be interacting through Google Meets or Zoom in small groups.

**What tools are available for parents?**

Teachers will provide an electronic calendar with suggested lessons for each day and a detailed outline on how to complete assignments and in Google Classroom. The SD194 Remote Learning Tab has many supports for families.

**Will my teacher be certified?**

Yes, your teacher is an Illinois certified teacher and works for Steger School District 194.

**How do I access my course and lessons?**

Google Classroom is the online platform Steger School District has decided to use. Your student will be provided with a district issued device, username and password to access online learning.

**What additional school supplies will my student need?**

Your student may need, but not limited to, headphones, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, highlighters, etc. The district will provide district issued consumable workbooks. The student will need to pick up materials from his/her home school throughout the year as needed.

**Will my students take assessments at home?**

Yes, your student will take formative, summative, and benchmark assessments at home. **It is important your child take assessments independently to accurately reflect their true ability for appropriate instruction and interventions.**