



# EAGLE MOUNTAIN SAGINAW ISD

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*Deputy Superintendent*

Dear EMS ISD Parents/Guardians,

I want to thank you for your patience and support as we continue working with you and your student(s) to navigate through technology, assignments, and connections in a remote learning environment. Looking ahead, I would like to share with you what you should expect for your child and his/her teacher(s).

The first days of school focused on building student-teacher relationships and learning the instructional platforms of Canvas and Teams. We are now building on this foundation to support the structured lessons that will take place throughout Remote Learning. Many of our teachers are already structuring their remote classes as if in a face-to-face environment. This provides consistency for the student, and offers dedicated time for them to engage in the day's lesson and complete their classwork.

You should now expect all teachers to be available on TEAMS during the scheduled class period to provide that consistency for students. Meanwhile, it is also important for students to attend online during their scheduled classes to engage in each lesson. Each day, teachers are using various instructional approaches including live lectures and discussions, video lectures, interactive activities, and reading assignments. Many times, the approach is blended, meaning there is a live lecture or discussion followed by independent work time. Students may or may not be online with their teacher for the whole class period, but their teacher will be available during that class via TEAMS or email to answer questions and/or provide additional feedback. We certainly understand that there may be unavoidable situations that prevent a student from being online during a live lesson; however, it is important that the student does connect on time during the class period and to communicate with the teacher if they have technological difficulties.

To further support students in remote learning, I am excited to share that we are offering after-hours academic support with EMS ISD teachers for core content classes/subjects. This support is in addition to tutorials scheduled by the classroom teacher, and will be offered as long as after-hours support is needed.

- **Elementary School** – Each elementary school is offering academic support Monday-Thursday from 5-8 pm. Please see Remind messages and social media from your child's school, or contact the school for information.
- **Middle and High School** – Students grades 6-12 can request academic support as part of a districtwide program. Teachers from schools across the district will be available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5-8 pm. Links to the support request form will be available on the school websites beginning Monday, August 31.

As we continue this next week in remote learning, we understand that communication is key. I ask that you reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. Your Principal, as well as your campus and district administrative team, are here as well to help support, but the relationship and communication with the teacher are the greatest keys for ensuring learning success for your child. I appreciate everything each of you are doing to support your child(ren) in remote learning. For those moving to in-person instruction on September 8, additional information will be provided from your school next week.

Sincerely,

Linda Parker, Ed.D.  
Deputy Superintendent