

# Return to School Frequently Asked Questions

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In light of Albuquerque Collegiate's decision to start the school year remotely, we know our families will have many questions. Please find answers to some frequently asked questions below, and don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Rivera at [jrivera@abqcollegiate.org](mailto:jrivera@abqcollegiate.org) with any remaining queries. Thank you for your support -- we are in this together!

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## **Q: How much guided instruction will the students receive each day?**

**A:** All students -- kindergarten, first, second and third grade -- will attend a **45 minute live literacy lesson**, a **45 minute live math lesson** and a **30 minute live enrichment class** each day. In addition, they will attend **two individualized sessions** with their teacher each week, and receive weekly assignments.

## **Q: When is the first day of remote instruction?**

**A: August 17th.**

## **Q: What supplies does my child need for online school?**

**A:** ACCS will **provide learning packets** to each child during orientation, which will include **all of the supplies they will need**, including pencils, notebooks and crayons, among other materials.

## **Q: When is orientation? How do I sign up?**

**A:** Orientation will occur on **August 13th and 14th**, at the school building. If you are not comfortable attending in-person orientation, our teachers will be happy to conduct it over zoom. We will be reaching out in the coming weeks about how to sign up for your individual 30-minute orientation meeting.

**Q: Will my student have access to a computer from the school for online learning?**

**A: YES!** We will provide a **Chromebook for all students** who need a device at home for virtual learning. If your child has an at-home device (laptop, home computer, tablet) this will be sufficient for learning.

**Q: Will an iPad or tablet device suffice for online classes?**

**A: Yes.**

**Q: How can we pick up a Chromebook for my child to use?**

**A:** We will be handing out Google Chromebooks **during orientation meetings.**

**Q: I don't have access to the internet at my home. Is there a way of getting it?**

**A:** If you're eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI and others, you likely qualify for **Internet Essentials from Comcast**, which costs **\$9.95 per month**, plus tax. You can apply for it **here**. If this will not work for you, **please reach out to Ms. Rivera**. We are committed to working with you to ensure your child can access online learning.

**Q: Does my child need to wear their uniform during the live lessons and one-on-one sessions with their teachers?**

**A:** This may be a **good idea**, as it may help your child get in the mental space of attending school. However, it is **not required**.

**Q: How will students, especially very young students (kinder), be supported emotionally and socially? Will there be group zoom class meetings, for example?**

**A: YES** -- in all three live classes each day, students will be with the rest of their class. We also have ideas in the works for potential "Zoom Class Parties," school-wide assemblies and other opportunities for the scholars to socialize.

## Q: How can I best support my child in online learning?

A:

- Make sure your child **logs in** for each of their daily classes. If they can't log in, make sure they **watch the recorded lessons**. Remember -- this is **real school!**
- Be sure to **attend your family orientation session** to learn how to use the computer programs
- **Build a routine for them**. Establish **designated times for learning**, and **create a learning space** for them. Make sure they are **prepared for class**, with all of the supplies they need!

## Q: I'm worried about my child being able to learn with the online model. How will they be supported?

A:

- Individual **student check-ins** (twice per week)
- Our teachers are **now better prepared** for online learning, and we will provide a more robust program than what was done in the Spring
- **Paper-based packets** will be available for weekly pick-up, however for best learning to occur, we **strongly encourage daily participation in virtual learning**

## Q: When does ACCS plan to return to in-person education?

A:

- We will continue to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 and state health guidance, in **hopes of returning to a hybrid model this Fall**, and ultimately, fully in-person learning.
- Currently, we plan to begin a **phased return** to the school building in **September or October**, but this could change.
- **Safety is our top priority**. We will be **transparent with families** as we make these decisions.

## Q: Will students still be provided free breakfast and lunch?

A: Starting **Monday, August 17th**, families will be able to **pick up weekly meal packages**, including breakfast and lunch, **every Monday**. We will provide more details on how this will work closer to that time.