



**Newcastle Elementary and Charter  
Distance Learning Plan  
7/23/2020**

# California Department of Education

Districts, Schools, and Families need to enter into their planning with a flexible approach, understanding that they may start the school year with one instructional schedule model and, as new information becomes available about health and safety, they may transition to a different model-CDE



# Keeping Students, Staff and Families Safe and Following Current State and Local Guidelines

1. Distance Learning
2. Hybrid Program
3. Open School Fully



# Distance Learning Fall 2020

'Daily live interaction' required

Teachers will connect with their students each school day through online instruction and/or phone check-in.

Newcastle will use Google Classrooms as the instructional delivery tool TK-8



# Distance Learning Fall 2020

Will include at the appropriate grade levels:

- Grading assignments
- Giving assessments
- Providing feedback on assignments
- Trimester grades or proficiency levels



# Distance Learning Fall 2020

Bring Staff Back to School:

Having all staff work their contracted days and time on campus will allow for immediate instructional support from:

Technology

Colleagues

Admin

Staff

We work better together!



# Distance Learning Fall 2020

Taking student attendance:

Schools must take students' attendance  
and track participation under distance learning



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Minimum instruction:

- **3 hours per day** for kindergartners.
- **3 hours, 50 minutes** for grades 1-3.
- **4 hours** for grades 4-8.

Daily live or synchronous learning time by grade level has not yet been determined





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Weekly engagement records:

Schools must keep "weekly engagement records" noting how much synchronous or asynchronous instruction a student has received.



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Serving students with special needs:

Schools must provide the  
"accommodations necessary" to serve  
special needs populations.



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Preventing Disengagement:

Schools must form a plan for re-engaging students who are absent from distance learning for more than three schooldays a week.



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Quick Q & A:

What does the daily schedule for student learning with distance learning.

- Most teaching would occur before 1:00pm

What technology devices will be available for students?

- Chromebook for 1-8 and iPad Tk-K



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How will it work if our schedule does not allow our child to access synchronous learning?

- Pending, our goal is to have the morning lesson recorded and pushed out to students who can't attend the live instruction.

How will tech be rolled out?

- Pending- We are hoping to do mini Back to School groups as soon as possible, but maybe after the first day of school.



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What will the first days of school look like with distance learning?

- Pending- It could be the very small groups using the back to school night concept.

Please see the new calendar



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You will be receiving weekly updates as we continue to address unanswered questions and refine our plans.

Thank you for your time.

