



# Lake Orion Community Schools

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Dear Dragon Family,

**Heidi Mercer**  
*Assistant  
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We hope this communication finds you and your family healthy. We are all in uncharted waters. The global pandemic is impacting every corner of our lives, which is hard not only on our children, but also us, as parents and educators. Learning remains our mission, so we in Lake Orion Community Schools will continue to find ways to enhance that, even from a distance.

**Rick Arnett**  
*Assistant  
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Based on our school closure extending through this school year, staff have been working hard to prepare remote learning opportunities for all of our students. As we get used to this “new normal”, we are asking for patience and understanding from all stakeholders. Although we want work to be rigorous and meaningful, we also do not want to overwhelm or add stress to our students and families.

There is no replacing the interactions between teachers and students. But we can offer suggestions and supports to help our students stay engaged through this unprecedented disruption in their education. Our intent is to offer flexible academic options for our students, understanding the family support varies, due to personal circumstances.

## Elementary

On Monday, April 6 parents of DK-5 students will be receiving the first week’s activities. These activities will be sent via email by your student’s teacher at 10:00 a.m. These activities will also be posted on our website. The plans will come out each Monday for the week. Students can work at their own pace and time. There will not be a specific scheduled time for elementary students to have to “attend class” via a video platform. All students across the district will be receiving the same activities according to their grade level. There will be one template with all content areas and specials included, see attached. These activities are not required but strongly suggested. The Home Learning Resource Padlet that has been on the website will also continue to be available. Students can send their work/activities via email to teachers and teachers will provide feedback.

## Middle School

On Monday, April 6 parents of 6-8 students will be receiving the first week’s activities. These activities will be sent via email by your student’s teacher/team at 10:00 a.m. These activities will also be posted on our website. The plans will come out each Monday for the week. Students can work at their own pace and time. There will not be a specific scheduled time for middle school students to have to “attend class” via a video platform. All students across the district will be receiving the same activities according to their grade level. There will be one template with all content areas and elective classes included, see attached. These activities are not required but strongly suggested. The Home Learning Resource Padlet that has been on the website will also continue to be available. Students can send their work/activities via email to teachers and teachers will provide feedback. No standards-based grades will be given at this point.



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## High School

On Monday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. students will be receiving emails from each of their teachers with classwork. This classwork is not required at this point but strongly encouraged. Students can send their work/activities via email to teachers and teachers will provide feedback. No grades will be given at this point.

## All Students

It is important to note that we are continuing to evolve our academic plan to best meet our student's needs. There may be changes to the plan as time progresses such as grading of work and work being required especially at the high school level. We are currently reviewing the executive order from Governor Whitmer to ensure we meet all requirements. The district must submit a learning plan to our local intermediate school district. That template is not available currently. It is expected later today. The district will then further work on the learning plan to ensure all requirements are met and submit the plan as soon as possible.

We do not anticipate at any time for there to be required class times via Zoom or other internet-based platforms that students would need to engage with their teacher at a specific scheduled time of day for DK-8. We realize that many families are sharing devices and to stipulate a specific time would be difficult for many families.

We continue to work on technology distribution. The district did conduct a survey. We are prioritizing based on need. We do not have enough devices for every family. In addition, Governor Whitmer's executive order states that the learning plan cannot be 100% online. Our plan will have a variety of activities, all will not require a device. Below are a couple links for wi-fi:

<https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

[https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all\\_Pricingandotherinfo](https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all_Pricingandotherinfo)

As always, thank you for your understanding and dedication in making the 2020 school year a success regardless of the unprecedented situations we all face together. Please know that we take your child's education seriously and are committed to doing the best we can to support your child both academically and social emotionally. As a reminder, there are many resources for parents and students on the Home Learning Resource Padlet that may help you support your child's emotional and mental well-being during this time. We will get through this together! We are DRAGON strong!

Sincerely,



*Heidi Mercer*

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning



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