

MEMORANDUM

To: Our Swansea Community
From: John J. Robidoux, Superintendent
Re: Choice for remote learning
Date: August 7, 2020

If parents choose to have their child(ren) participate remotely rather than in the hybrid model, it is your right to do so. This is NOT homeschooling as the children are still registered students and the district is obligated to provide an education. Parents looking to homeschool their children are required to seek approval from the Superintendent and, upon approval, disenroll their child(ren) from Swansea Public Schools.

I want to provide more clarity for a remote learning option:

1. The district will not be purchasing a separate remote learning platform for students that are choosing a fully remote option.
2. All students are assigned to teachers/classes, If parents request all remote, those students will remain attached to their assigned classes and be taught remotely and will not have the ability to participate in-person
3. This negates the need to create a separate platform, separate management for those students and a potentially separate grading from a non-Swansea teacher, as would be the case if the district purchased a separate remote learning platform
4. The fully remote students will continue to follow the daily schedule, will be accountable for daily attendance, participate in live, recorded and assigned lessons and be graded on their work (it will NOT be pass/fail as was the case in the spring)
5. The connectivity to the teacher for questions, etc will be built in as it would be for the hybrid students (obviously, it would just not be in-person face to face)
6. If a student is participating as a fully remote learner and subsequent decision to enter our outlined hybrid is considered, that request needs to be made in writing to the building principal. The decision to allow the move will be dependent upon available space and will need to occur (if approved) at the trimester or quarter break in school. This will allow for appropriate discussion, planning and transition.

Please email me directly at jrobidoux@swanseaschools.org to indicate that your student will be attending fully remote and/or if there are further questions