



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS  
ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING  
IN THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**

La Conner Elementary will provide a remote learning option for families with that specific need. It is important for interested families to know that remote learning this year will be very different than it was in the 2020-21 school year. There are a couple of reasons for this; one is that the large majority of elementary students will be attending school in person, so that's where the majority of our teachers are needed. The second reason is that state requirements for remote learning have changed, which will impact the remote experience for students. Keep reading for more details!

**Who will be teaching remote students?**

We will have one teacher working with remote students in grades K-5. Students will be grouped in a primary cluster (K-2nd) and an intermediate cluster (3rd-5th) for instruction, which will be focused on math, reading, and writing.

**Should our family attend Braves Day?**

Yes, remote families are encouraged to attend Braves Day on August 31st. Please check the district website for the time slot when your family will be expected (times are sorted by last name). This will be your opportunity to have student pictures taken and to check out the device and supplies your student will need for remote learning.

**When will remote students be given their devices?**

Devices and school supplies will be distributed to remote learners at Braves Day (see above). If a family can't attend Braves Day, please contact the elementary school (360-466-3172) to make other arrangements.

**When will school start for remote learners?**

The first day of learning for remote students will be **Monday, September 7th**. This later start date will give the remote teacher additional time to organize learning activities and iron out any connectivity issues with students before digging into instruction. The instructional time missed because of the later start date will be made up during conferences.

**What will my student's day look like?**

School will begin for all remote students, K-5, with a morning meeting for attendance, the Pledge of Allegiance, announcements, and social-emotional learning. The remainder of the day will be a blend of synchronous (live Zoom meetings) and asynchronous (independent student work) activities. Students will be grouped into a primary (K-2) or intermediate (3-5) cluster for instruction, which will focus on math, reading and writing. In agreement with the new State guidelines for remote learning, students will likely spend more time in Zoom meetings this year.

**What if my student has a 504 or IEP?**

If your student has an IEP or 504, the school district will work with you and the remote teacher to see that your student's services are provided.

**Will my student get to participate in music, PE, and technology special classes?**

This year, these classes will not be offered to remote students. Last year, the music, PE and technology teachers offered weekly enrichment activities that were optional for students. This year, those teachers will be teaching live classes and won't be available to create those online enrichment activities.

That being said, PE is a state requirement. The remote teacher will set some guidelines for student activities in order to meet that requirement.

**What if my child needs extra support with their lessons?**

The district is currently working on a plan that would offer live tutoring help for remote students in the Braves Club during school hours. If your child requires extra support with their work that you or the remote teacher cannot provide, please communicate that to Ms. Fakkema.

**What if, after a while, I want to switch my child from remote to live learning?**

Once you register your child as a remote learner, you are making that choice for at least a full trimester. At the end of each trimester (December and March), you will have the option to change your child from remote to live learning.

If you have further questions about remote learning for students in Kindergarten- 5th grade, please contact Heather Fakkema at the LCE school office. We want to provide every student with rich and meaningful learning, and your questions help us do that!

