



Distance Learning Plan - Updated May 1, 2020

Overall Summary: *With the extension of distance learning to the end of the 2019-20 school year, teachers at Pelican Rapids Public Schools prepared additional instructional plans that will allow for meaningful, relevant learning so 'school' may go on albeit not in our buildings. We will continue to ensure that every student receives an equitable education and has equal access to learning and instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please understand that this instructional platform is different for all of us, but we will continue to learn and improve as we move forward.*

Distance Learning

Summary

Distance learning engages students through access to appropriate educational materials and daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s).

Detailed Information

Viking Elementary School: teachers will communicate & interact with families through SeeSaw, Google Classroom, and Zoom.

Pelican Rapids High School: teachers will communicate & interact with students through email, Google Classroom, Google Meet, and Zoom.

- *In addition, students requesting to complete homework via paper (due to internet access issues or preference for learning) were provided with paper copies.*
- *A Parent/Student Technology Support link and a "ASK@VIKES.US" email address were created to assist families with problems/questions during this time.*
- *A 'Distance Learning' section was created on the district website with the following information:*
 - 1) District updates; 2) Meal Distribution; 3) Club Vikes Child Care;
 - 4) Health & Safety Resources; 5) PRHS School Counselor Office;
 - 6) School-Based Mental Health Services; 7) Distance Learning;
 - 8) Activities for Families & Students
- *Regular updates are posted on the district website and Facebook pages. Our district website page address is www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us Our district Facebook page is Pelican Rapids Public Schools*
- *Outreach efforts include posting photos and videos of distance learning (i.e. art class and student artwork) on the district Facebook page*

Child Care for Families of Emergency Workers/Before and After Care

Summary

During this time, Club Vikes is continuing to provide child care from 6:30am - 6:00pm for emergency workers as defined by the governor.

Detailed Information

Contact Emily Evenson, Club Vikes Coordinator, eevenson@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us or 218-731-9926

Nutrition	
Summary	Lunches, and next morning breakfasts continue to be available on school days (Tuesday-Friday) at 5 drop-off locations in Pelican Rapids and are delivered rurally.
Detailed Information	<p><i>A link for on-going meal sign up is posted on the “Meal Distribution” page of the district website.</i></p> <p>The 5 drop-off locations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11:00am Westfield Apartments (520 3rd St NW) ● 11:15am Riverside Apartments (424 1st Av NW) ● 11:30am Pelican Trailer Court (4 ½ Ave NW & 1st St NW) ● 11:45am Pelican Rapids Townhomes (River Rd & 3rd St NE) ● 12:00pm Ridgecrest Apartments (10th Av SE & Maplewood Dr)
Instructional Material Pick-up	
Summary	<p>Devices and materials pick-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 25-26 from 8am-3pm ● May 5 from 8am-3pm
Detailed Information	<p>Viking Elementary: Parent/Guardian pick-up materials (includes Viking Preschool and Headstart) <i>May 5-additional materials can be picked up</i></p> <p>PRHS: Student pick-up devices, materials & empty lockers; <i>May 5-paper copies of homework can be picked up and dropped off.</i></p>
Health and Wellness	
Summary	The health and wellness of our students and staff are important to the district. We are continuing to provide COVID-19 prevention information and instruction at all levels.
Detailed Information	<i>The “Health and Resources” page on our district website includes numerous resource links from CDC and MDH. There are also links for activities on the “Activities and Resources” web page.</i>
Mental Health Supports	
Summary	Each school has planned social-emotional learning as part of the curriculum to be delivered via distance learning. Our counselor and social worker will continue working with students and families.
Detailed Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Siebels, PRHS Counselor, created a FB page-<i>Mrs. Siebels’ PRHS School Counseling Page (in addition to the website page)</i>, and requests that all PRHS students check in with her <i>via google link</i>. ● Mrs. Aaland, Social Worker, will continue working with students and families. <i>School-based Mental Health Services website page includes her contact information.</i> ● <i>On-going posts on the district Facebook page continue to be done to refer families to these MH resources. Age specific links have been posted including “How to Talk with Kids about COVID-19”.</i> ● <i>A weekly “7 Habits Coach” video series is being posted with strategies for being effective in the midst of this challenging and unique time.</i>

Attendance and Truancy	
Summary	Students are expected to attend all distance education experiences assigned to them.
Detailed Information	<p>Viking Elementary School: Teachers will take attendance through student check-ins</p> <p>PRHS: Attendance will be taken through student response via Google. <i>A link is emailed to PRHS students and posted on the district website on Wednesdays.</i></p>
Special Education Services - IEP or 504 Plan	
Summary	Special Education services will continue to be provided to all students who are currently receiving those services.
Detailed Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special education services will be adapted to reflect the distance learning environment. • IEPs services will be amended to reflect distance learning. • Special education teachers will reach out to families and students and materials will be sent home. These meetings will be held via electronic means. • Teachers will be in contact with students to work on IEP goals as appropriate. • Contact with students and parents will be made using voice, video, and other electronic means. • Related service providers such as OT, PT, Speech and Adaptive PE will continue to have contact with students, parents or other caregivers
English Learners	
Summary	The district is committed to supporting our English Learners for success in the distance learning environment.
Detailed Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EL services will be adapted to reflect distance learning. • EL teachers will reach out to families and students to determine assets and needs for distance learning. • EL teachers will assist students who are EL to scaffold complex academic language in assignments. • Direct contact with students and parents will be made using voice, video, and other electronic means. <p><i>Detailed instructions on how to access the district website in various languages was posted in Spanish and Somali on the district Facebook and web pages.</i></p>
Early Learning	
Summary	Pelican Rapids Public Schools will provide distance learning options for students enrolled in Viking Elementary Preschool.
Detailed Information	Contact your student's preschool teacher.
Assessment	
Summary	While test scores are a valuable measure of the district's ability to deliver

	instruction aligned to Minnesota’s Academic Standards, instruction to students will take priority in these unprecedented times.
Detailed Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no more MCA and MTAS tests administered for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Since ACCESS testing was completed, results will be available later this spring. • ACT testing has been postponed. ACT has decided to open an emergency additional test window beginning on April 21 to support schools. Details will be shared when it has been made available from ACT.
PSEO and Concurrent Enrollment	
Summary	Postsecondary facilities will be communicating the process to their students for continued learning in their courses.
Detail Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When college and university courses recommence, PSEO students will resume any courses in which they enrolled. • PSEO students should monitor all college or university communication daily for information about the continuation of learning in each of their courses. • Students who plan to enroll in PSEO during the 2020-2021 school year must notify the district of their intent to enroll by May 30.
Resources from the Minnesota Department of Health	
Summary	We are following all the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) COVID-19 guidelines. The links to the MDH COVID-19 are on our district <i>Health and Safety Resources</i> web pages.
Detail Information	https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html
Contact Information	
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the district office or your school principal with questions about this plan. • Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Derrick Nelson, VES Principal: dnelson@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us ○ Brian Korf, PRHS Principal and Acting Administrator: bkorf@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us ○ <i>Jerry Ness, Interim Superintendent</i>