



Region III Education Cooperative

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Dear Parents,

State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Carmen I. Ayala, notified districts that Remote Learning Days would begin on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. This means that Act of God Days ended on March 30, 2020 and days of learning at home will begin to be counted as attendance days. Act of God Days and Remote Learning Days will NOT extend the end of the school year date. The good news is we have already begun this process.

Your child should have received at least one packet of work to be completed at home. We are now in the process of disbursing a second packet of work or have communicated other ways we will help your child continue to learn at home. Because your child's program is individualized, learning at home may be very different among our students. Your child's teacher should have communicated with you about the nature of remote learning and what this might look like for your child. If your child receives related services such as speech therapy or vision itinerant services, that specific service provider has probably been in contact with you also. We want to ensure that our students continue to learn and are provided those services that are specified on their IEPs. However, please understand educational and related services will look very different than how they are provided when schools are open. We want to make sure parents are able to support learning at home and that we are supportive of parents.

If you have not communicated with teachers yet, please know they have been trying to reach you. Phone numbers that come up UNKNOWN at your home may be the teacher trying to call you. They will leave a message if possible. Please reach out or respond to the teachers. We are here to help you and your child. If you have questions and have not been able to communicate with the teacher, call our office at (618)462-1031 or call Journeys at (618)885-5613.

If appropriate, some instruction and services may be provided through video or phone conferencing. We are asking families to agree to this change in instruction due to this exceptional circumstance. We also ask that families agree that no one else in the home will listen to, observe or record the delivery of services related to your child.

Please encourage your child to complete the work that has been provided. Keep any paperwork packets that are complete. You may make arrangements to drop it off at school at some point in the future. If students make no attempt to complete work during the remote learning days, they may receive an incomplete in their courses. Please communicate with your child's teacher so we can ensure the best support for your child during this time. You can access more information concerning the school closure on our website, region3sec.org or on our Facebook page, Region III Cooperative.

Sincerely,
