



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families;

Our staff is hard at work preparing resources to support your student with distance learning. Please know that we understand that this school closure has created many stressors for our families. This distance learning effort is focused on materials and content your student will already be familiar with and the focus is on skills retention. The guidelines in our MAPS Distance Learning Handbook will provide a clear understanding of expectations. The Handbook can be found on the Family Resource page of our website at: www.chipslead.org/family-resources/

Teachers will be providing your student(s) with weekly content providing both online and offline resources. Our teachers have been reaching out to all students online, through email, and by telephone. If your student's teacher(s) has not made contact with you, please reach out to us today so that we are able to provide your student with the resources needed for learning through the end of this school year. Call the phone number of your students building and leave a message for the teacher with your student's name and grade the best way for us to reach you. If your student does not have their laptop or iPad at home, and you are interested in receiving it, please call your student's teacher to make arrangements at their school phone number below.

Jefferson Elementary 231-723-9285
Kennedy Elementary 231-723-3271
Manistee Middle High School 231-723-2547

These guidelines represent the parameters for how much time students should commit to distance learning activities. Remember, less is more. We understand that it is not realistic for us to expect that students can accomplish as much in one day as they could if they were in a regular school setting.

Grade	Minimum	Maximum	Reading
PreK	20 minutes/day	60 minutes/day	20 minute/day
K	30 minutes/day	75 minutes/day	20 minutes/day
1-2	45 minutes/day	90 minutes/day	30 minutes/day
3-5	60 minutes/day	120 minutes/day	30 minutes/day
6-8	Class: 15 min/class/day Total: 90 min per day	Class: 30 min/day Total: 180 min/day	30 minutes/day
9-12	Class: 20 min/class/day Total: 120 min/day	Class: 40 min/class/day Total: 240 min/class/day	30 minutes/day

Your student's teacher will be in contact this week helping to prepare your student for a more structured learning experience beginning Monday, April 20th. Please know that we will be tracking student participation beginning Monday through the end of the school year on June 5th. Grading will focus on the continuation of learning and will prioritize participation. The focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning should be the first priority.

Our MAPS CareConnect staff are available during this time and can provide support for students and families that need it. Please reach out for assistance. You can learn more about MAPS CareConnect at: www.chipslead.org/care-connect/

During this time, we want to stay connected with our fellow Chips and share our creativity. Each week we will be sharing a new Chips Challenge to our students and our teachers. Take part in these fun activities and send us your photos to be shared on our Chips United page at: www.chipslead.org/chips-united/

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us to seek support with schoolwork or other needs during this time. We are all here to help each other.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
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