



ELEMENTARY UPDATE: VIRTUAL Learning (Gr. 2-4)

October 28, 2020

Ken-Ton Gr. 2-4 Virtual Families:

Earlier this month, K-1 virtual students were transitioned to new teachers for Literacy and math instruction. We are now ready to begin the transition for our grade 2-4 students who are not planning to follow the hybrid in-person model that is scheduled to begin on November 16, 2020.

As you might already know, a number of concerns have surfaced in regards to the developmental appropriateness of instructing both in-person and virtual students simultaneously, specifically the stamina, attentiveness and engagement of our youngest students in this model.

Elementary students need more individualized attention as their management needs compete with their learning needs. The district has worked tirelessly to ensure that all students, regardless of the model families need, have the opportunity for dedicated learning time that meets the developmental needs of our youngest students.

Students Registered for Virtual Learning

Ken-Ton will implement the following for Full Virtual students:

For our K-4 students ONLY, those students who requested a fully remote model in August will begin working with a dedicated Ken-Ton VLA teacher for their ELA and a dedicated Ken-Ton VLA teacher for their Math lessons using a phase-in approach. We have previously transitioned students in grades K-1 and are now ready to begin the Grade 2-4 transition.

Students in Grades 2-4

- ❑ **Grade 2-4** Full Virtual Students will be reassigned to a virtual teacher for ELA, and a virtual teacher for math starting **November 16, 2020**, the same date as the implementation of Phase III. Special area teachers will remain the same in addition to social studies lessons coming from your child's original classroom teacher. Special area classes will continue to be provided asynchronously.
- ❑ **Grade 2-4** students enrolled in full virtual learning, your child's school and new teachers will communicate with you prior to the transition to share Google Classroom and possible student material pick-up information.

Additional Information for Gr. 2-4 Students Enrolled in Virtual Learning:

- ❑ Your child's virtual schedule WILL change from the current Remote schedule. Please understand that it was necessary to change regardless of the most recent adjustment. Expect a schedule to be shared by your child's new teacher that will reflect a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction that will start in the morning and end early afternoon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- ❑ If a VLA student requests to return to the Hybrid model, that student will resume hybrid with the original classroom teacher. Students will be permitted to continue to switch into hybrid, but we will not accept students wishing to enroll in virtual at this time, due to staffing demands.
- ❑ Our Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) teachers will consist of designated classroom and/or RtI Reading Specialists for reading instruction, and RtI Math Specialists for math instruction.
- ❑ If your child is staying in full virtual learning after the start date of hybrid instruction, your child's original teacher will continue to meet with them between 8:40am-9:00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The exact time will be confirmed by your child's teacher. This teacher will also connect with students on Wednesdays at 9:00am.
- ❑ Students that request to leave VLA and return to school in the hybrid model will move back into the original teacher's classroom. This virtual morning meeting allows students to maintain the connection with the teacher to ease this potential transition.

Ken-Ton is committed to providing the very best instruction to our in-person students and our virtual students during this unprecedented time. We appreciate your feedback and flexibility as we navigate the learning for all students.