

Introduction

The Jim Thorpe Area School District's Health and Safety Plan outlines the steps that the district is taking to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread to the best of its abilities. The district is confident that the plan will allow for a safe environment for staff and students to return to school under the specified guidelines. However, for some families, sending their child to school may not be the most optimal choice due to family health concerns and extenuating circumstances. For these families, the district is providing a remote learning from home option, known as the **Olympian Learning Connection**, or **OLC**.

Under the OLC model, students will connect with their Jim Thorpe Area teacher remotely with their district-issued iPad or laptop. Daily lessons will be held synchronously (live) with asynchronous (offline) activities, following a school day schedule. The Jim Thorpe Area School District curriculum will be followed to provide appropriate rigor and relevance, with assignments submitted and graded on a timely basis.

Special education programming and related services will continue to be provided. IEPs, GIEPs, and 504 plans will continue to be developed and implemented across all settings.

Key Dates

- **OLC Information Session(Zoom): 8/12/20**
- **OLC Commitment Deadline: 8/16/20**
- **OLC Orientation (Remote): 9/3 & 9/4**
- **OLC Start Date: 9/8/20**

Technology

- **Grades K-2**
 - **iPads**
 - **Seesaw (Learning platform)**
- **Grades 3-6**
 - **iPads**
 - **Google Classroom (Learning platform)**
- **Grades 7-8**
 - **MacBook Air laptops**
 - **Google Classroom (Learning platform)**
- **Grades 9-12**
 - **MacBook Air laptops**
 - **Schoology (Learning platform)**

Grades K-6

- Students will be placed with other remote students and a designated remote learning teacher.
- Students will be provided a schedule by their teacher for live instruction, class discussions and live interactions during the school day.
- There will be a combination of live instruction and offline activities designed to ensure students are not always in front of the screen.
- Specials classes will be held asynchronously with prerecorded lessons, offline activities, and teacher check-in.
- Lessons may be recorded for offline viewing.

Grades 7-12

- Students in grades 7-8 will follow their core subject schedule. Specials classes will be held asynchronously with prerecorded lessons, offline activities, and teacher check-in.
- Students in grades 9-12 will follow their normal high school schedule.
- Students will connect remotely via Google Meet to participate in the daily lesson and activities of each class with the teacher and students who are in-person in class.
- Grades 7-8 will use Google Classroom to access course materials. Grades 9-12 will use Schoology to access course materials
- Lessons may be recorded for offline viewing.



Essential Information

- **Commitment to OLC is on a quarterly basis.**
- Attendance will be taken by the teacher.
- Assignments will be graded based on total points and will count toward their final average for promotion.
- Instructional support will be available with our teachers, counselors and paraprofessionals.
- Remote office hours will be established for live interaction and support.
- Parents can communicate with teachers via email or scheduled remote videoconference.
- Breakfast & lunch will be available for pickup and paid through the normal school lunch process.
- Tech support will be available by contacting the school office or by completing an online help ticket.

