Remote Learning Option

If you would like to select this option for your child(ren), please complete and submit this brief form by Sunday, August 2, 2020.

As you do, please keep in mind that:

● You may complete this form for any rising PK-12 student currently enrolled in the Ankeny Community School District. You do not need a medical reason (i.e. a child with an underlying health condition) to submit this form. For this reason, it is not necessary that you provide any medical documentation when completing this form.

● If you reside within the Ankeny Community School District and have chosen to open enroll your child(ren) in another district, either through the standard process or through the extended open enrollment process for medical reasons that the state recently offered, you are welcome to re-enroll in Ankeny Schools and select the “remote only” option.

● You should complete a separate form for each child for whom you are selecting the “remote only” option.

● Families who select the “remote only” option are committing that their child(ren) will participate in this option for the entirety of the first semester. This will help create stability for students and will allow the district to manage the logistics (transportation, nutrition, staffing, etc.) needed for children to have a high-quality learning experience. We will work with public health and other relevant government officials later in the fall to determine if it will be necessary and/or appropriate to offer a “remote only” option for the second semester.

● Unless a student’s personal circumstances change in a meaningful way after the deadline for submission of this form (e.g. a student is diagnosed with a health condition that makes learning from home a better learning environment), the district will not be able to honor requests to select the “remote only” option after the deadline for submitting this form has passed.
● Students who participate in the “remote only” option will engage in a robust learning experience aligned to the Required Continuous Learning model outlined in our Return to Learn plan. This will be significantly different from the voluntary online learning experience students had in the spring of the 2019-2020 school year.

● The district will do everything feasible to provide students learning from home and students learning in school buildings with access to our full array of course offerings. However, it is possible that some courses that have a substantial “hands on” component (e.g. Construction I, Foods, Chemistry Lab) may not be conducive to an online learning environment. More information on this will be shared by building leadership as schedules for students who select the “remote only” option are finalized.

● Students who participate in the “remote only” option will remain assigned to their assigned school buildings / attendance centers. This means that students participating in the “remote only” option will be able to return to their assigned buildings at the end of the semester (or later in the year, if the option for “remote only” is extended). Board policy related to attendance centers and intra-district transfer will remain in effect.

● To ensure students have access to teachers with the relevant content expertise, students participating in the “remote only” option will likely be engaged in online learning with students from other Ankeny Schools buildings and may be assigned to teacher(s) who teach in other buildings in the districts.

● Students with 504s and IEPs will continue to receive the services required by their plans. The Director of Special Programs will work with building leaders to develop a process for ensuring student needs are met.

● All Ankeny Schools students will have access to a device from which they can engage in remote learning. The district will facilitate getting devices to all students, including PK students, at the start of the school year.

● Students who are engaged in “remote only” learning will continue to have access to food service, though the method of delivery will likely differ from the in-school model. More information on the process for receiving lunch will be shared with students who select the “remote only” option.

● Students who participate in the “remote only” option may continue to participate in school-sponsored activities.