

Frequently Asked Remote Learning Questions

1. School starts next week, am I behind?

No, teachers will reach out to you this week. You will receive a letter from your child's teacher with materials pick up information, remote learning information, and a suggested remote learning schedule. Please check your email.

2. Will the students need any books or supplies from the school?

On Saturday, August 29th, there will be a drive-thru Back to School Fair at the stadium parking lot at 3rd Street and Fir Street from 12:00 - 2:00 for Helen Haller Students. You can pick up a free backpack full of the school supplies your child will need. Helen Haller is hosting a drive through meet and greet your teacher and pick up materials event on Wednesday 9/2. This will take place in our HHE Pick up lane. Your teacher will let you know the grade level time for pick-up. This will be posted on our HHE website.

3. How do we communicate with teachers if we have questions?

The quickest way to get ahold of teachers is through email. If a phone, online, or in-person conversation would be best for you, please email them and request one. They are happy to accommodate! They will provide their contact information with you in their letter.

4. How will students get help if they don't understand something?

Teachers have live online support scheduled into their remote learning plans that they will send out at the beginning of the year. It will be a Microsoft Teams session so that your child can pop in with their questions, then get back to their day once they have been helped. You can also send them an email requesting support and they will work with you.

5. Will student work be graded?

Unlike last Spring, when the state would not allow grading of student work, the work done during remote learning this year will be graded. Teachers will record and upload video lessons along with learning activities for each week on Monday morning. The work will be due the following Monday and teachers will assess for understanding and to assign grades.

6. Will there be any child care options or resources?

The district is working with community entities to see how we can help families needing childcare outside of the home. This information will be communicated out from the District office; Helen Haller Elementary does not have that information at this time.

7. What does an AA/BB model look like?

This model will only be used once in-person school resumes. In an AA/BB model, one group of students attends school on Mondays and Tuesdays, and another group of students attends school on Thursdays and Fridays. Each group participates in remote learning the remaining three days of the week. Once we are given the go-ahead from the Clallam County Health Department, over time, additional groups of students will be invited to return to the building. We will focus on safety precautions such as, temperature checking upon arrival, mask-wearing, social distancing, frequent hand washing, etc.

8. If I do not want my child to return to the building this year due to health concerns, concerns about mask-wearing, or another reason, must I enroll them in the district's online school?

No, Helen Haller is committed to providing remote learning for the entire school year for families that choose to keep their students home during this time. You do not need to notify anyone of your decision at this time, your child's teacher will be contacting you.

9. What should I do if we do not have a computer at home for remote learning?

The district is pulling many student desktop computers from classrooms to give to families for their children to use for remote learning. Please contact kbushy@sequimschools.org if you do not have a computer.

10. What should I do if we do not have internet at home for remote learning?

The district has compiled a list of local places that offer free wi-fi, you can access it at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1wAzcdDzMX-Jt68pmraNPjr59rBpwmdyt&ll=48.078325344589004%2C-123.1052734&z=14>

We have been told that Wave is offering internet service for \$9.99 per month with no fees to families if they are located within their existing service areas. Many cell phone companies are also removing data caps if you call and talk to them about needing data for your child to do their schoolwork.

Should your child need technology support, please email distancelearning@sequimschools.org or call 360-809-4192.

11. Once we return to the building, will my child be required to wear a mask?

As long as we are required to do so, students and staff will be required to wear a mask when on campus. If your child has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, we must have a note from their doctor in order to excuse them from wearing a mask. Please contact Sonja Bittner, our school district nurse if you have questions, sbittner@sequimschools.org or 360-582-3260. Families who do not want their children to wear masks can keep their child at home on the remote learning plan for the duration of the school year.

12. I cannot remember my Skyward login information, how can I get it?

Please email cbrown@sequimschools.org or kbushy@sequimschools.org

13. I have more than one child, at more than one building. When students are back on the AA/BB schedule, will they be on the same schedule?

Yes, we will work to make sure students in the same household are on the same schedule. Please update Skyward if you have had any household changes. Also, please communicate with your school once you have been assigned to an AA or BB group.

14. My student has an IEP, how will they receive IEP services?

Your student's case manager will reach out to schedule IEP services with you.

15. Will students be working off packets like they did in the Spring?

Last Spring when schools closed for the first six weeks, the state did not allow any direct instruction of students due to equity issues. We were allowed to send home packets of "educational opportunities" for families who wanted their children to complete them. Over the summer the state has changed their message as we gear up for "Remote Learning 2.0" and they are asking districts to find ways to teach children while they are at home. We will be using an online platform called Canvas. Students will login and view daily lessons in math and language

arts, and weekly lessons in other subjects. These lessons will be uploaded on Monday morning so your child is free to view them when it works for your family, and work at their own pace. There will be activities that go along with the lessons that teachers can use to check for understanding and for grading. All work from the current week is due the following Monday, providing some flexibility in when the work is completed, but with due dates that help keep students accountable for the work assigned.

16. My family is experiencing hardships due to COVID-19, where can I get help?

The district has compiled a list of local resources, you can find it at

http://sequimschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1012671/Image/Parent%20Resources/Community%20Resource%20List.pdf