

IDALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT RJ-3
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Idalia Parents:

March 24, 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this extended Spring "Break", the likes of which we have never experienced before. As you know, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order prohibiting in-person education across the state through April 17th. Although we hold out hope that we will return to school (as normal) on Monday, April 20th, we have created a remote learning plan that, if necessary, will last the duration of the semester.

While the students' Spring Break was extended a week, know that our staff is currently hard at work preparing for their students' future learning opportunities; no matter how different those might look. In a matter of days, our staff has been forced to take years (and perhaps decades) of lesson plans, classroom routines, schedules, and other "typical" ways of teaching and suddenly revamp everything. Times such as these call for patience and flexibility, for all parties involved.

Remote learning will begin on Monday, March 30th. What this will look like depends largely on the age of your child(ren). Please review the supporting documents (Remote Learning Plan and Online Class Schedule), as they provide further details.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at johnsonm@idaliaco.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myles Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Myles Johnson

Idalia's Distance Learning Plan – Spring 2020

Purpose: In less than ideal times, provide students the resources and opportunity to continue to learn, while preparing them for success at the next grade level in the fall.

Time: Remote Learning will begin on March 30th. Elementary (PK-6) teachers will provide packets to keep students engaged for the remainder of the semester (and even into the summer). JH/HS online classes will conclude by May 15th.

**Under the assumption in-person education will not resume this academic year.*

PK-6th Grade:

Each teacher will prepare a “packet” of essential curriculum for students to work on at home (with parents) for remainder of academic year.

- The packet will be emailed to parents along with a hard-copy pickup option at the school @ 9am on 3/30.
- There will be no assignments officially submitted or graded by staff (although parents are encouraged to email assignments to teachers for feedback, questions, etc)
 - o **Unsure what final grades will look like this semester - still waiting on guidance from CDE in regard to that*
- Teachers will be available during “remote office hours” to answer any student/parent questions for a minimum of 4 hours each week. Each elementary teacher will directly reach out to their parents to discuss their office hour schedule and how to best access them during those scheduled hours.
- Teachers will always (Mon-Fri, 8am-3:30pm) be available via email and respond to any questions within 24 hours.

7th-12 Grade:

Teachers and students will utilize technology (including Microsoft Teams, email, etc) to continue classes.

- “Microsoft Teams” (under the Microsoft 365 umbrella) will be the platform primarily used to carry out the on-line classes
 - Brad and Mindy Richards will hold a virtual training for students on the use of Microsoft Teams on Friday 3/27.
 - *Students will receive an email on their Idalia issued email address prior to 3/27 with more information about this training*
 - **Any interested parents are encouraged to sit in on this training with their child(ren).*
- In addition to virtually meeting with their classes, teachers will always (Mon-Fri, 8am-3:30pm) be available via email and respond to any questions within 24 hours.
- PowerSchool will continue to function as the official gradebook.
- Junior High (and a select few High School level) electives will not be offered via the on-line option. For those classes, grades as of 3/13 will be used as semester final grades.

**Please see on-line class schedule in separate document.*

Idalia Online Class Schedule – Spring 2020

**Teachers will be virtually available for the entire class – either instruction and/or answering student questions/etc.*

7th Grade:

Monday and Wednesdays: Science (8-9:30am), Social Studies (10-11:30am)
Tues and Thurs: English (8-9:30am), Math (10-11:30am)

8th Grade:

Monday and Wednesdays: Math (8-9:30am), Social Studies (1-2:30pm)
Tues and Thurs: Science (8-9:30am), English (12-1:30pm)

Freshmen:

Monday and Wednesdays: Ag (8-9am), Math Explorations OR Alg I (10-11:15am), English (11:45-1pm)
Physical Sci (1-2:30pm)
Tues and Thurs: Business (8-9am), Social Studies (10-11:30am)
*Friday: Electives (*see list of Friday Elective Schedule below)*

Sophomores:

Monday and Wednesdays: Social Studies (8-9:30am), Span I (10-11:30am) English (1-2:30pm)
Tues and Thurs: Alg II OR Everyday Math (8-9:30am), Biology (10-11:30am), Personal Finance (1-2pm),
Ag (2-3pm)
*Friday: Electives (*see list of Friday Elective Schedule below)*

Juniors:

Monday and Wednesdays: English (8-9:30am), Env Science (10-11:15am), Span II (11:45-1pm), Anatomy
(1-2:30pm)
Tues and Thurs: Social Studies (8-9:30am), Physics (9:30-10:45am), Advanced Math (12-1:30pm), Stats
(1:30-3pm)
*Friday: Electives (*see list of Friday Elective Schedule below)*

Seniors:

Monday and Wednesdays: English (8-9:30am), Anatomy (1-2:30pm)

Tues and Thurs: Physics (9:30-10:45am), Stats (1:30-3pm)

Friday: Electives (**see list of Friday Elective Schedule below*)

Friday Elective Schedule:

8-9am: Publications, Agriscience

9-10am: Accounting, Ag Mechanics

10-11am: Senior Seminar

11-Noon: Horticulture

1-2pm: Speech

2-3pm: College Prep

Mr. Wilson will be available 9-Noon for Virtual Office Hours

**Although all Art classes have officially concluded for the semester, Mr. Wilson would like to encourage students to continue to pursue their creative interests as he will offer his ideas, advice, and other feedback for students as they pursue independent art projects if they so choose. Mr. Wilson can best be reached at wilsond@idaliaco.us*

Below is the same schedule by teacher:**Soehner:**

Mon/Wed: 8th Math (8-9:30am), Alg I (10-11:15am), Anatomy (1-2:30pm)

Tues/Thurs: Alg II (8-9:30am), Physics (9:30-10:45am), Adv Math (12-1:30pm), Stats (1:30-3)

Weirch:

Mon/Wed: Sophs (8-9:30am), 7th Grade (10-11:30am), 8th Grade (1-2:30pm)

Tues/Thurs: Juniors (8-9:30am), Freshman (10-11:30am)

Minor:

Mon/Wed: 7th Grade (8-9:30am), Env Science (10-11:15am), Physical Sci (1-2:30pm)

Tues/Thurs: 8th Grade (8-9:30am), Bio (10-11:30am)

Wright:

Mon/Wed: 11/12 Eng (8-9:30am), Freshman (11:45-1pm), Soph Eng (1-2:30pm)
Tues/Thurs: 7th Grade (8-9:30am), 8th Eng (12-1:30pm)

Kite:

Tues/Thurs: 7th Math (10-11:30am)

Garton:

Mon/Wed: Span I (10-11:30am), Span II/III (11:45-1pm)

Terrell:

Tues/Thurs: 9th Business (8-9am), Personal Finance (1-2pm)
Friday: Publications (8-9am), Accounting I/II (9-10am), Senior Seminar (10-11am)

Reese:

Mon/Wed: 9th Ag (8-9am)
Tues/Thurs: 10th Ag (2-3pm)
Friday: Agriscience (8-9am), Ag Mechanics (9-10am), Horticulture (11-Noon)

Mann:

Mon/Wed: Math Explorations (10-11:15am)
Tues/Thurs: Everyday Math (8-9:30am), Alg I (10-11:30am)

Ramseier:

Friday: Speech (1-2pm), College Prep (2-3pm)

Wilson:

Friday: JH/HS Art "Office Hours" (9-Noon)

Weyerman/A. Soehner:

**Have set schedule and communicated directly with their students.*