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# Guide to Understanding Home-Based Learning Options

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Dear Blue Streak Families,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your child. This guide is to help parents decide which home-based learning option is best for their family. I want to thank Mrs. Sherry Smith, Alternative Education Coordinator, for helping our team clarify important information in this guide.

As the Chief Academic Officer, I want you to know that my first priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.

I want families to know that any “*home-based learning*” will require a strong partnership with teachers and administrators. It is not “*home-schooling*” however; caregivers will need to ensure that they understand how their child will access assignments that will need to be completed in a timely manner.

Our home-based learning options will provide students and parents with access to guidance and support from our teachers and administrators. We will be here to help you support your child’s “*holistic*” needs as they learn at home.

We are offering “*home-based learning*” options to honor our Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent, Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders’ commitment to extend choice and flexibility during this critical time.

In closing, I am requesting your patience and consideration as we work diligently to fortify our partnership with you as you support learning at home for your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vilicia Cade,  
Chief Academic Officer



## Home-Based Virtual Learning Option vs. Sandusky Digital Learning Center

### COVID Home-Based Virtual Learning

- Designed for families that want a short-term remote option due to COVID unknowns.
- 50% of the COVID Home-Based Virtual Learning Option instruction will be delivered in virtual lessons from Sandusky City Schools' teachers through Google Classroom using Google Meet (Video meeting function of Google).
- 50% of the COVID Home-Based Virtual Learning Option will require students to learn from online instructional materials that cover grade appropriate content and skills.
- This option will better prepare students to transition back to face-to-face instruction after one semester.
- English and Math instruction will run in conjunction with the face-to-face model being implemented in classes during the fall 2020.

### Sandusky Digital Learning Center (SDLC)

- Designed for families that want a long-term commitment that offers smaller class sizes and academic supports to complete online assignments.
- 100% self-paced online program that is driven by personalization supported by Sandusky City Schools' teachers.
- Planned face-to-face interactions will be available for students who enroll in the SDLC program.
- Sandusky Digital Learning Center teachers will have a Google Classroom.
- SDLC is designed to provide additional social-emotional supports for students with reduced class sizes.
- Students who participate in SDLC may not have a seamless transition back into the schools in the spring.

**Covers Grade-Level Sandusky City Schools' Curriculum**

\*Key terms are provided to help our community calibrate our meaning.

Word	Definition
<b>Playlist</b>	A playlist is another term for a lesson plan.
<b>Ohio State Standards</b>	The Ohio State Standards are skills and content that teachers use statewide to teach lesson plans.
<b>Curriculum</b>	Grade-level Ohio State Standards, the skills, and content that students should know and be able to do.
<b>Curriculum Maps</b>	Prioritizes Ohio State Standards that are used to develop lesson plans/playlists.
<b>Instructional Materials</b>	Refers to books, worksheets, or online learning tools that are used to teach the curriculum.
<b>Google Classroom</b>	The student learning platform where students go access their assignments.
<b>Google Meet</b>	The video or virtual component of Google Classroom. Students video conference as a class or individually with a teacher.



## COVID-19 Home-Based Virtual Learning Request Form

Sandusky City Schools is pleased to offer our Blue Streak families a 100% home-based virtual learning option. This option is for any family that is not comfortable with having their child return to school for face-to-face instruction.

In order to participate in the SCS COVID-19 Home-Based Virtual Learning Program we are asking families to make a one semester commitment.

Parents and caregivers are committing to the following:

1. Commit to a semester of home-based virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year
2. Attend the district Virtual Learning Training
3. Ensure that your child/children attend all Google Meet assigned classes and complete assignments
4. Participate daily by completing assigned digital learning with recommended minutes used to confirm daily attendance (Exact Path, Odysseyware, Virtual Learning Academy and Digital Games)
5. In order to validate attendance, sign-in and complete the COVID-19 Home-Based Learning Agreement.
6. Commit to scheduled parent and student academic conference sessions on student progress
7. Ensure that our completed request form is received by the Office of Chief Academic Officer, 407 Decatur Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 or rlewis@scs-k12.net by **8.10.2020**.

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### COVID Home-Based Virtual Learning Request Form

I am requesting that my child: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print First and Last Name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ SSID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

This participation is for the COVID-19 Home-Based Virtual Learning Option for the 2020-2021 School year. I understand that this is a semester commitment.

My signature below acknowledges that I agree to the terms outlined in this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Parent/Guardian's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime phone number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail contact)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)



## Sandusky Digital Learning Center Request Form (COVID-19)

Sandusky City Schools is pleased to offer our Blue Streak families a 100% online home-based learning option. This option is available if any family that is not comfortable with having their child return to school for face-to-face instruction during the COVID pandemic.

To participate in the SCS Sandusky Digital Learning Center, we are asking families to make a one semester commitment.

Parents and caregivers are committing to the following:

1. Commit to a semester of home-based virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year
2. Attend the district Virtual Learning Training
3. Participate daily by completing assigned on-line programs with lesson count used to confirm daily attendance (Odsseyware, and Virtual Learning Academy)
4. To validate attendance, sign and complete the Sandusky Digital Learning Center learning agreement.
5. Commit to scheduled parent and student academic talks/conference session on student progress
6. Ensure that our completed request form is received by Sherry Smith, Alternative Education Coordinator, (617 Jackson Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 or shsmith@scs-k12.net) by 8.10.2020

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### Sandusky Digital Learning Center Request Form

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