



March 27, 2020

Dear iTech Families,

I hope you are well. I understand the statewide school closure and Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order have put a strain on many of you, and I am sorry. It is a challenging time for all of us. We miss seeing our students.

Your school and our district are working diligently to create a plan to continue instruction using printed learning materials, phone contacts, email messages, technology-based virtual instruction or a combination of those methods to meet student learning needs.

After spring break, we intend to provide an online/remote learning environment that is balanced and realistic in the expectations for all students. We recognize that it is important to strike a balance between academic content and time on technology devices. Students need a routine that provides consistency in their daily schedule.

We are committed to offering a variety of learning experiences and a reasonable amount of time for them to be completed at home. We also want students to engage in independent reading, physical movement, the arts and other enrichment activities that do not rely on technology.

- The recommended maximum guidelines for student remote learning commitment each day in grades 6-12 are not more than 30 minutes per teacher (3 hours max in one day).
- Students will be assessed as meeting standard or not meeting standard on assigned work. Student grades will be based on their progress towards meeting essential learning standards at the end of the grading period.

We recognize many teachers might have reached out to you already during this time. By the end of the day on April 6, your child should receive informational emails from each of his or her teachers for each class/period. Teachers are expected to send emails to students/classes to check in and share contact information.

I know you may have questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out by email to your teacher or me. Vancouver Public Schools continues to provide updates at <https://vansd.org/coronavirus/> as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Darby Meade

Principal