



Principal Chat Q&A

August 21st 2020

Pre-K and Kindergarten

1. Will there be a kindergarten orientation? Yes, there is a virtual kindergarten orientation on the SERES website. Virtual Open House will be in a few weeks and you'll be able to get more specific information then.
2. How will Kindergarten testing/assessments work to determine each child's academic level? Student progress is regularly assessed by classroom teachers. Although we are experiencing education in a new platform, teachers will continue to provide rigorous, strategic lessons and hold students to high expectations. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher.
3. When can families pick up Instructional Material for Pre-K students? Pre-K instructional material will be distributed on Wednesday, August 26th. The time is TBD. Please check our website for updates.

Childcare

4. Are y'all providing any type of childcare for remote students in online classes? Childcare will not be provided by SERES, but by the YMCA. Please contact Rodney at rodney.mccormick@ymcatriangle.org.
5. What is the cost associated with childcare? Please contact Rodney at rodney.mccormick@ymcatriangle.org for more information and indicate that your child is a SERES student.

Academics

6. How are grades expected to be accurate? For offline work, how will that be submitted? Teachers are using Google Classroom as their instructional platform. Students may view and submit assignments via Google Classroom.
7. When will third graders take EOG exams? Schools are still waiting on information from the State Dept. about how to administer the EOGs and other assessments to students in a remote learning environment.
8. How will we know that our children will be performing the way in which the state requires? Student progress is regularly assessed by classroom teachers. Although we are experiencing education in a new platform, teachers will continue to provide

rigorous, strategic lessons and hold students to high expectations. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher.

9. When will attendance start being recorded? Teachers began recording attendance on the first day of school. Your child will be marked attended once two-way communication has occurred between the student and homeroom teacher.
10. How many 3rd grade teachers are there this year? We have four 3rd grade teachers.
11. Will there be a week at a glance shared with families to discuss what is being discussed in class during the week? Yes. Classroom teachers will share their topics/standards and activities for the week.
12. Who should we contact if our student has an IEP? Please contact Ms. Brown at cbrown9@wcpss.net (3rd-5th grade) and Ms. Straughter (sstraughter@wcpss.net) for (K-2nd grade).

Instructional Materials Pick Up

Please see the SERES website for specific times/dates.

13. Does my student need to be present for the supplies and distribution? No.
14. If we miss our pick up time, when can we come? An alternative date/time for instructional material distribution is TBD.
15. If we have SERES students in multiple grade levels, when should we come? You may pick up all of your SERES instructional materials at one time.

Devices/Technology

Click [here](#) for more information regarding devices and distribution.

16. If we haven't gotten a call saying our child's computer is ready for pick up, do we still come to the distribution site? No. If you have not received a call confirming pick up please do not go to a distribution site. If you go to the site without receiving confirmation, a device will not be ready for you to pick up.
17. I did not sign up for a hotspot, will I still get a call from SERES staff? You will only be contacted by SERES staff if you did not complete the district survey. If your needs have changed, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.
18. My daughter received a chrome book last year, does she need to exchange it? No. If your student(s) received a chrome book in the Spring, you do not need to exchange the device. If the device is broken or damaged you may take it to a distribution site for ITs to fix. If your child is now in Kindergarten and received an iPad as a Pre-K student, they will need to exchange the iPad for a chromebook. The district will contact you regarding the exchange.