



Good afternoon!

NKC Schools has been proactively working with local, state and national public health agencies to prepare for any impact to our schools related to the coronavirus. The district continues to stay in close contact with Clay County Public Health, in conjunction with the CDC, to develop action plans and create communication based on their guidance and directives.

As we continue to ensure the health and wellness of all students, teachers and staff, a plan for providing educational services in the event of a school or district closure has been created. Please note the items below to understand the steps being taken to ensure students can participate in virtual learning if that is deemed necessary. While the information below is related to technology specific items students need for virtual learning, please encourage your student to also bring home any school supplies and other materials they need for successful at-home learning.

K-5

Beginning with Spring Break, all K-5 students will bring their iPad and charger home from school. While this is a change in practice for K-2 learners, older elementary school students in grades 3-5 have been doing this for some time. This change will ensure all elementary students have access to a device should we need to use virtual instruction during a school or district closure. K-2 teachers will be preparing their students and setting expectations for using iPads for instructional purposes only. Parents who have questions or concerns about devices coming home are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher and/or the principal.

6-12

Secondary students are very familiar with using their one-to-one devices for educational purposes. Students should continue bringing their device and charger home every evening and should definitely have it with them for Spring Break. Teachers will be working with students to ensure they are familiar with various educational apps and websites as well as making sure they are comfortable with Box and Canvas. Additionally, digital citizenship and online safety expectations will be reviewed with all students, as will plagiarism expectations and copyright laws.

Even while on break, NKC Schools will continue to carefully monitor the spread of the coronavirus. Should additional communication be necessary, messages would be shared via email, phone call and/or website post. While a closure is not something we are currently predicting, it is a possibility we are certainly prepared to implement if necessary.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding!