Frequently Asked Questions
Clayton Cyber School Grades K through 5

Q: What will be the learning format for Cyber Students in Grades K-5?

Clayton Cyber School will include live lessons/meetings, pre-recorded lessons, and independent work at the elementary level. All student assignments will run through Google Classroom. Students will utilize IXL for independent practice, as well as other selected learning platforms.

Q: Can my student switch to hybrid on-site instruction at any time?

Students may return to on-site instruction at the beginning of a new trimester. If you want to re-enroll your student for on-site instruction, you must notify the principal, Mr. Scott Uribe, in writing at least 10 days before the end of the current trimester.

Q: Will teachers be meeting with students virtually?

Yes, students will receive live instruction through Google Meet, as well as pre-recorded lessons. Students will also be asked to complete independent work.

Q: Does my student have to log-in and work on assignments every day?

Your student is expected to log-in to Google Classroom every day in order to be considered "present" for school attendance. There will be assignments posted each day for them to complete. Though students have flexibility and can complete some of their work outside of school hours, we strongly encourage your student to complete their assignments during the school week.This is the best way to ensure a successful year. We will be monitoring and recording attendance daily from Monday through Friday. If your child is ill and is unable to log on to Google Classroom, please email the child's teacher. Please do not call in the absence to the school as that system is set up for on-site attendance.

Q: Will a teacher be available immediately to answer assignment questions my student may have?

Cyber students who have questions on assignments may post a question in the stream on Google Classroom or email their teacher. Teachers will be working regular school hours, so if a question is submitted after that time, there may be a delay in response.

Q: Will my student work on the same assignments as On-Site students?

Cyber school teachers will be utilizing the same curriculum as the on-site hybrid model. Though the lessons may not line up exactly on any given day, they will remain relatively on pace.

Q: Will Cyber School students receive grades?

Yes. Students will receive grades just like they would in on-site school.

Q: Will my student still receive their speech/OT/PT services?

Yes, a staff member will be reaching out to you during the first few weeks of school to schedule these services.

Q: What about accommodations for students with 504s and IEPs?

As individual student needs vary, please contact the Child Study Team Supervisor, Mr. Greg Esposito, for questions pertaining to your child's IEP and our Guidance Counselor for questions pertaining to your child's 504.

Q: Do I need to purchase any supplies for Cyber School?

Please purchase the supplies for your student's grade level as listed here: https://claytonps.org/schools/herma-simmons-elementary/ces-supply-lists/

Q: How will special area classes be handled?

Special area teachers will be assigning one lesson per week to each grade level.

Q: As a cyber student, is my child still eligible to participate in the free breakfast and lunch program?

Yes, if you would like to participate in the lunch and breakfast program, you may pick up bagged breakfast and lunch items at the school during scheduled times. We will have two central locations for pick up/distribution. **Both the high school and elementary buildings will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Students may go to the location closest to their home to pick up their "grab and go" bag.

Q: Can my student still reach out to Guidance and the Child Connection Center (CCC) for emotional support?

Yes, our Guidance staff is available to cyber students and their parents via phone, email, or video conferencing. You may contact the Child Connection Center during regular school hours and set up a time for a staff member to speak with your child.

Q: How will you ensure students build the relationships with teachers they need to be successful online?

Just like any school year, our Cyber School teachers will be working to develop a community in their learning environment in which students feel welcomed and valued. They will work to establish norms and classroom expectations for learning and interacting with others, even in a virtual setting.

Q: Is my child subject to following the rules and policies of the District while enrolled as a Cyber student?

Yes, we consider our cyber students important members of our school community. As such, they are required to follow the same rules and policies as if they were attending on-site classes. Interactions with staff members and peers should be respectful and polite. We expect our cyber students to behave and dress appropriately during any video sessions.

For more information about Clayton's Cyber School, please contact Taryn Simmons at tsimmons@claytonps.org