

Friday, February 28 - in our Weekly Update family communication, ECS notifies all families that we are watching Coronavirus news around the world and have begun researching and speaking with schools who hold Digital Learning Days for weather emergencies or teacher workdays just in case a temporary closure becomes necessary. Staff members using digital platforms already are training others. Teachers are practicing and assigning virtual assignments so students can practice their use as well.

Friday, March 13, 2020 - Endeavor Charter School announces to families that Monday, March 16 will become a teacher workday. ECS will follow a digital learning platform from Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 27, when the spring track out begins. The hope is that students and staff will return to campus at that time.

Our digital platform beginning Tuesday, March 17 included students receiving instruction and submitting assignments digitally. Students in grades 3-8 will utilize Google Classroom. All students in these grades have been provided an ECS email address and have practiced using Google Classroom over the last two weeks. Students in grades K-2 will use alternate means of receiving and completing work including paper packets and Seesaw. Each of these grade levels will provide information to their families. Additional information A Covid page has been added to the ECS website so families can easily find the latest information.

After track out, we could not return to campus. The following information was provided to families:

- Digital learning will resume on Tuesday, April 14.
- We need to make some adjustments to our program in order to move into a full month of distance learning. In April, you can look forward to:
  - ECS teacher instruction of new content (live or video) at least 3x per week. Other days may include review or instruction from other sources such as Khan Academy.
  - Synchronous morning meeting at least 1x per week. We recognize that some students will not be available due to childcare situations and device sharing. That's OK.
  - Teacher office hours at least 2x per week for students who want some extra support.
  - Assignments or a link to assignments posted on the ECS website where homework has previously been posted.
  - Honor Code statement for all quizzes and tests reminding students of the expectation for independent work on assessments. It is essential that teachers have an understanding of each student's actual understanding of their work, so please help ensure your child's authentic and independent completion of work.

- Teacher adherence to their work hours of 9-12:00 and 1-3:00. The 10 hour workdays they've been managing during this transition is not sustainable.
- Some items may need to be picked up from school. We are looking at assignments for our youngest students as well as reading materials.
- We know many students are trying to complete their school work on a phone. This is not a good solution for the long term. Student without access to an appropriate device need to borrow one from ECS now.

April 24, 2020 - ECS relayed to families the state's decision that NC schools would remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Digital learning continued for all students. The last few days of school included drive through celebrations for each grade and a drive -in movie style graduation ceremony for our 8th graders.

### **Five Steps to Return to Campus**

#### **[Endeavor Charter School Return to Campus Family Plan 2020-21](#)**

#### **Step 1: Teachers return to campus starting August 17, 2020.**

- All students continue to learn remotely.
- Morning Meeting will be held each Monday and Friday from 8:30-9:00
- Teachers will live-stream core classes (Plan C - 100% Remote Instruction) from 9:00-12:00.
- Fine Arts and Fitness classes and homework will take place in the afternoons.

#### **Step 2: Students in grade K-2 who've selected the 50% Hybrid Plan (Plan B) return to campus on alternating weeks.**

- Students in grades 3-8 will remain in 100% Remote Plan (Plan C) for all of first quarter.

Week of...	Academic Week	Grades on campus for this week...
Sept 14	A week	Kindergarten ( K A-week students ONLY)
Sept 21	B week	K, 1 ( K and 1 B-week students ONLY)
Sept 28	A week	K, 1, 2 (K, 1 and 2 A-week students ONLY)

**Step 3: Students in grade 3-8 who've selected the 50% Hybrid Plan (Plan B) join K-2 students on campus on alternating weeks.**

Oct 5-16	TRACK OUT	no student/staff on campus
Oct 19	B week	K, 1, 2 B-week students ONLY fall athletic practices begin
Oct 26	A week	K, 1, 2, 3, 6 A-week students ONLY
Nov 2	B week	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 B-week students ONLY
Nov 9	A week	All grades A-week students ONLY
Nov 16	B week	All grades B-week students ONLY spring semester survey released
Nov 23	A week	All grades A-week students ONLY
Nov 30	B week	All grades B-week students ONLY
Dec 7	A week	All grades A-week students ONLY
Dec 14	B week	All grades B-week students ONLY

Third quarter: Middle School students continue alternating weeks to be on campus, students in all other grades whose families chose on-campus learning return every day.

- Our first week of third quarter (all remote week) is an A week for middle school students who must continue to alternate weeks. Here is a guide to the alternating weeks:
  - Jan 4 - A week (all students remote all week)
  - Jan 11 - B week
  - Jan 18 - A week
  - Jan 25 - B week
  - Feb 1 - A week

Feb 5 - Feb 26:

- Current In-Person Elementary school students will continue to be on campus each week.
- Current In-Person Middle school students must still follow an alternating week schedule until Governor's orders allow 3 foot spacing.
- Current Remote students will attend class remotely from 8:30am-1:00pm each day

February 15: President's Day holiday, no school

February 16 and 17: Asynchronous Remote Learning Days for ALL STUDENTS

- No students are on campus.
- No live lessons as teachers prepare to transition to full days
- Students will have work to complete during the day at their own pace.

**March 1st - MARCH 26th:**

**School hours return to 8:30-3:15 Monday - Friday**

- In-Person Elementary school students will return each week.
- In-Person Middle school students must still follow an alternating week schedule until Governor's orders allow 3 foot spacing.
- Remote students will attend class remotely M-F from 8:30-3:15 each day
- Wednesdays in March will NOT all be asynchronous days.
- Changes to provide additional asynchronous days will be shared as soon as finalized.

**IN-PERSON 6th-8th GRADE STUDENTS:** Alternating weeks continue for 6th-8th.

- Feb 8 - B week
- Feb 14 - A week
- Feb 22 - B week
- Mar 1 - A week (This is now the week we switch to full days 8:30-3:15)
- Mar 8 - B week
- Mar 15 - A week
- Mar 22 - B week

**Fourth quarter plans:**

- remote learning remains an option ONLY for students/families that are identified as at increased risk by a physician
- teachers transition to more traditional classroom instruction, not directed at the screen
- K-2 classes no longer post assignments on Seesaw. Instead, packets are available to print or pick up. Completed assignments are returned to campus each week.
- students in grades 2-8 switch classrooms as a cohort rather than teachers switching classrooms, desks will be sanitized between groups
- expectations for distancing will align with state guidance
- continued masks for all students and staff at all times other than specified breaks such as lunch and snack
- antigen testing for symptomatic students begins on campus with parental consent

**Step 4: 2021-22 All students return to campus on Plan A (requires Governor's order).**

- Minimal social distancing is in place
- Decreased opportunities for crowding (no assemblies, etc.)
- Modifications to lunch, recess, volunteers/visitors on campus, assemblies, etc.
  
- With the onset of the Omicron variant, ECS moves all lunches outside through the fall. When weather becomes too cold, lunches move basic inside.

**Step 5: 2022-23 ECS returns to a normal school day (requires Governor's order).**

- Procedures remain in place for students with Covid symptoms or diagnosis. In all other ways, ECS has participated in normal school procedures for this entire school year.