



August 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians, this communication is about our technology distribution, a schedule for meeting teachers, our online learning schedule, and a few other items. Please read carefully and thank you for rolling with all the changes that have come our way nearly every day.

NEXT WEEK – Aug. 17-21

- Teachers are contacting their classes through email today and tomorrow. Your student will begin each day with your home room teacher, and may also be in class with other instructors during each day.
- Teachers will also invite you to their classroom next week, through sign-up genius. We would like to meet you and your student (maximum of 3 people) in person at the appointed time. General hours are: Tuesday August 18 noon-3pm, Wednesday August 19 8-11:30 & 12:30-3pm, and Thursday August 20 8-11:30pm.
- We will distribute technology to all students grades 3-5 in your classroom meeting time and hope to distribute K-2 devices, if available, at the same time.
- We will also distribute some student supplies provided by the district and Steele.
- No official instruction will begin next week.

IN TWO WEEKS – Aug. 24-28

- Daily Instruction Begins. Please see the schedule outline below.

Steele Online Master Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:20	Morning Meeting - Each child joins their homeroom teacher every day at 8am.				
8:30 - 9:30	Block 1	Students begin academic instruction or specials (music, physical education, art, media/library instruction). Each child begins online with teacher, then works in smaller groups or offline for the hour.			
9:40-10:40	Block 2	Students go to their next academic or specials block			
10:50-11:50	Block 3	Students go to their final academic or specials block			
1:00 - 2:30pm	Teacher Office Hours Band & Orchestra Rehearsals	In-person or online service for teacher-identified students may occur.			

- Teachers will provide more detail about webex, Schoology, and SeeSaw, and your student's schedule in the next week.

Technology News

- K-2 Students will all receive ipads for home use. Delivery date is hopefully Aug. 18-20, dependent on web filtering and imaging work.
- 3-5 Students will receive Chromebooks Aug. 18-20.
- There will be no technology fee assessed – thanks to the D11 board of Education for waiving these fees for 20-21.

How Will Learning Be Different from the Spring?

Home Learning Then (Spring 2020) & Now (Fall 2020)

	Spring 2020	Fall 2020
Platforms	Teachers using different platforms. Parents and students having to learn multiple platforms	K-2: All will use Seesaw, an interactive platform for younger learners Grades 3-5: All students will use Schoology
Engagement	Students did work when they were able.	Students will have a daily schedule to keep them engaged throughout a typical school day.
Teacher Interaction	Students had occasional teacher interactions.	Students will have daily interactions with teachers.
Lessons	Students were mostly doing assignments based on previous learning.	Students will have access to recorded video lessons as well as live lessons and small group instruction to address new content and grade level standards.
Communication	Students didn't know what to expect from day to day.	Students will have a consistent schedule and will receive a weekly plan from their teachers in Schoology/SeeSaw.

Meal Plan

- D11 will provide Breakfast and Lunch at Steele Elementary.
- Free and Reduced Rates will apply
- Service hours, safety standards, and payment info will be sent when schedules are confirmed with Food Services.