



Overview Plan for Glendale Unified On-Campus Learning Technology Pods

In a recent survey, over 2,600 Glendale Unified families indicated that childcare would be a critical need if schools were to reopen in a distance learning environment. Based on this expressed need, Glendale Unified School District is planning to provide supervision of elementary school-age children during the regular school day.

Students will be assigned to a Technology Learning Pod that will ensure they have internet connectivity in order to access distance synchronous instruction by their regularly assigned classroom teachers and complete asynchronous learning. While working online with their teachers, students will be supervised by a substitute teacher and classified assistants/aides who will also provide support, as needed, to students completing their assignments.

Technology Learning Pods will be established in available classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, and other appropriate spaces on elementary campuses. In order to ensure space for physical distancing, the number of students in each Pod will be determined by the square footage of each room. Students and staff assigned to a Pod will not physically interact with students and staff from other Pods. In an attempt to limit exposure, siblings will be assigned to the same Pod whenever possible. Students will be assigned their own electronic devices, headphones with microphones, and school supplies. These items will be labeled and kept in a box identified with the student's name. In cases when equipment must be shared, such equipment will be sanitized after each use.

All staff and students, as well as parents/guardians dropping off and picking up children, will be required to wear face coverings. Health screenings and temperature checks will be completed each morning prior to students and staff entering campus. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to students. Meals will be prepackaged by Glendale Unified Nutritional Services staff and will be delivered to each classroom. Students and staff will be instructed in health and safety protocols (ie. handwashing, wearing of face coverings, physical distancing). Soap, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing solutions will be readily available.

Priority for participation will be given in the following order:

- Existing Glendale Unified families enrolled in state subsidized child care,
- Foster/homeless youth,
- Students who qualify for free and reduced meals,
- Children of Glendale Unified employees, and
- Other students as space and staffing permits

Students will attend on-campus Technology Learning Pods during their regular school hours, typically between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Glendale Unified Extended Learning Programs will continue to be available before and after school for qualifying families.