



## LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Stoklosa Community:

We have been planning relentlessly over the last few weeks transitioning from a short-term to long term remote learning plan to continue the education process for all our students. We realize that it's not a perfect system or ideal in anyway but there is a lot of value having a partially structured learning day during this crisis.

That being said we are shifting from "optional work" to "required work" that needs to be submitted for grading purposes by your child. We, as a staff, will be here every step of the way to help assist with this process. The teachers are in the middle of assessing family's needs for computer devices to get ready to distribute to those in need. However, in the meantime, there is plenty to do for your child. Please see the information & schedule below:

- Options for recommended work each school day:
  - Assignments through teacher's Google Classrooms
  - Utilizing Clever for programs like iReady or FOSSweb
  - LPS Work Packets
    - Available on the food trucks on Wednesdays & Thursdays
    - Available on the LPS website
  - Individualized work packets
    - These would be packets of work made specifically for your child by a teacher and sent out either via Google Classroom or through paper copies
  - With the exception of Google Classroom, all of these options are available on our school website under the "Stoklosa Parents & Students" tab or the Coronavirus link (COVID-19) for LPS website
- Expectations for what assignments to do each day:
  - The goal is to work on every subject area over the course of the week (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Allied Arts)
  - However, your child should only be working on school work between 3 and 4 hours each day
    - See the schedule on the second page for a recommended breakdown of "minutes per day"
    - You can design a schedule in whatever fashion you want in your home while trying to cover each content area over the course of the week and expecting for 3-4 hours of work daily.
- Supports that are available:
  - On our Stoklosa website under the "Parents & Students" tab is a schedule of ALL of our staff's available times to support your student
    - At the bottom is a tab for each grade-level and specialized teacher's availability

- In addition to your child’s teacher’s availability, on the All Students tab are resources available to support all students
    - Tutors are available to support the students on their work
    - Allied Arts team is constructing a Google Classroom schedule with links
    - A Stoklosa Request Assistance Form is available on our website
    - Teachers will be available per schedule and phone (as needed)
- What to do with completed assignments:
  - If they are assigned through Google Classroom, please submit them through Google Classroom
  - Otherwise, please keep a folder of the completed work at home on your computer, in your Google Drive, or on your kitchen table if you’re completing paper copies of the work
  - We are still working out the details of how students will be graded and how a determination about fulfilling their requirements to pass into the next grade, so be sure to hold on to all of the work your child completes during this remote learning.

**Grades 5 & 6**

Content	Time Suggestions
<b>Reading</b> (Read books, watch books read aloud, listen to a book, complete online learning)	At least 30 <u>minutes</u> daily (Could be about science, social studies, etc)
<b>Writing or Word Work or Vocabulary</b>	20-30 minutes daily
<b>Math</b>	45 minutes daily
<b>Science</b>	25 minutes daily
<b>Social Studies</b>	25 minutes daily
<b>Arts, Physical Education, or Social Emotional Learning</b>	30 minutes daily

**Grades 7 & 8**

Content	Time Suggestions
<b>Independent Reading</b> (Read books, watch books read aloud, listen to a book)	At least 20 <u>minutes</u> daily (Could be about science, social studies, etc)
<b>ELA</b>	45 minutes daily
<b>Math</b>	45 minutes daily
<b>Science</b>	30 minutes daily
<b>Social Studies</b>	30 minutes daily
<b>Arts, Physical Education, or Social Emotional Learning</b>	30 minutes daily

Sincerely,

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