



SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jaime Alicea, Superintendent of Schools

Meachem Elementary School

Mrs. Kathyne Moulton, Principal

Greetings Meachem Families:

Please find enclosed the remote learning schedule that students will follow beginning September 14, 2020. Four days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, students will be on devices (phones, laptops, tablets, etc.), they will start their day with a community building activity with their peers and teachers on Microsoft Teams. Throughout the day students will have opportunities to engage in learning, similar to a typical school day. Students will be expected to follow the scheduled times for ELA, Math, Science, and Specials (Art, PE, and Music).

‘Every student, every day, online or in person, it’s the Meachem way!’ Attendance on digital platforms (See Saw and digital content) and Microsoft Teams is required for students every day. Please expect our staff to call if your student is not participating. If you requested packets for your student, teachers will be checking in daily to support their learning. Please check that your child is signing on each day and is completing work for teachers to review and provide feedback on next steps. We appreciate this partnership for your student’s continued success.

Your student’s schedule will be comprised of 5 main components:

Demonstration Lessons on WCNY	Students will tune in to district-wide high quality recorded lessons in each subject area as part of their grade level whole group instruction. SCSD is again partnering with WCNY to broadcast these lessons, and your student will need to tune in at the appropriate times outlined on the schedule each day. WCNY’s Global connection channel in the Syracuse area is 24.3 for antenna, 1276 for Spectrum digital, 467 for FiOS, and 24-2 for DirecTV. These lessons will also be available to be streamed digitally.
Live Instruction on Microsoft Teams	Teachers will be teaching live on Microsoft teams. Microsoft Teams is similar to using Zoom or FaceTime. This is the time your child’s teacher will interact with them directly, so it is very important that your student signs on at their scheduled times. Teachers will be teaching lessons in each subject, tailored to your student’s individual needs, in whole group, small group, and 1:1 arrangements, just like they are in person classroom.
Independent Work on SeeSaw	Teachers will be posting assignments that are specific to their lessons and instructional needs on Seesaw. This is the place for your student to locate their work, submit work, and to receive feedback from their teacher. Students can work on their SeeSaw work independently. Teachers may also post videos of lessons for them to watch independently on Seesaw.

Digital Content on Clever	“Digital Content” refers to self-guided online learning programs that students can participate in independently. Digital content platforms include software that is responsive to your student’s needs and adjusts and changes as your students completes tasks. The Digital Content programs we will be using include Zearn, Imagine Learning, Nearpod and Newsela. Your student will log-in to Clever, where they will have access to a menu of all of these programs to access in one place.
Teacher Office Hours on Teams (or phone calls)	On Wednesdays, teachers will also be available for scheduled office hours. This is a time for students or parents to logon to Teams to ask teachers questions, ask for help with particular concepts, or the teacher may invite your student to participate in a one on one or small group session for extra help. Teachers are also available to connect with students over the phone to help them complete an assignment.

Families that completed the ‘Reopening Questionnaire,’ located on the SCSD homepage, were asked if they had access to a device or Wi-Fi. If you expressed the need for either, please call the main office at 315- 435- 4610 to confirm that your student’s laptop is at Meachem, pick up is on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th from 8:00-3:00.

We appreciate all of your patience and understanding as we navigate through the beginning of the school year. As always, please reach out if you have any questions! We are so excited to have our Meachem student back with us for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Kathryne Moulton,
Principal