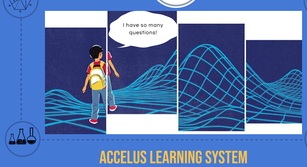
REMOTE LEARNING



ACCELUS LEARNING SYSTEM

Learners who will not be attending school via the hybrid option, will be using Accelus for their remote learning platform. Parents may choose up to 6 subject areas at a time from numerous courses (K-12). Learners are able to learn at their own pace.

Acellus offers video-based instruction and your learners progress will be monitored by designated Nea staff, to ensure they remain on track. The goal of our remote learning option at this time, is to expose learners to as much content as we can and to prevent learners from regressing while they are working at home. Whilst it can not fully replace what our facilitators would be able to provide in the classroom, it does provide ways to engage in learning.

WHY DID WE CHOOSE ACELLUS?

Open Enrollment

Learners can join at any time of the year. This gives families more flexibility during this pandemic. Learners study at their own pace with weekly check ins with facilitators to make sure progress goals are met.

K-12 Course Selection

We were looking for a high-quality, robust K-12 program that included modules for art, language, social-emotional learning, and other enrichment.

Alignment with AUSD

We wanted an established, online program that has been used by other educational institutions that have experience with remote learning. AUSD will also be adopting Acellus along with some 2600 schools across the country.

Differential Learning

Learners can study different grade levels for each subject. If their facilitator feels they have fallen behind in math but excel in English they can assign different grade level work.

Intervention

Targeted credit/learning recovery tailored to the individual learner. Facilitators can activate Credit Recovery for any learner at any time to fill the "gaps" while keeping learners within their credit-level course

Accessibility

Remote Learning in the spring indicated that learners who were already struggling were likely to be harmed the most. Our Sped Team expressed a need to better tailor remote learning for our learners.

THE PROCESS

Families who register for the remote program will have until August 14th to decide if they truly want their learner to be enrolled in that program.

We are committed to accepting as many learners as we can. Families who do not submit an Instructional Program Choice form will be automatically enrolled in our Hybrid Learning Program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 HOW WILL REMOTE LEARNING WORK?

Learners in this program will do much of their work "asynchronously" (meaning independently and at their own pace), and parents/guardians will work collaboratively with Nea staff to support and coach their students. Acellus provides standards-based instruction via carefully sequenced, high-definition video lessons, animations, and multimedia presentations.

2 WILL MY CHILD HAVE LIVE INSTRUCTION?

No. Acellus works by showing short recorded video lessons followed by practice problems to assess understanding of the concept taught. You will be able to watch your child's progress real-time from any mobile device or computer via "live monitoring".

3 WILL MY CHILD BE ASSIGNED TEACHERS THROUGH ACELLUS?

Your child will be learning from Acellus educators (via video) and will be able to access extra support from Acellus if they need it. Your child will be supported by staff at Nea who will monitor your child's progress. Someone from your household will serve as "Learning Coaches."

4 CAN'T WE JUST DO REMOTE LEARNING LIKE WE DID IN THE SPRING?

When we go back to in-class instruction four days a week under the hybrid model, facilitators need enough time to prepare their lesson plans and teach. We therefore wanted a remote learning platform that would be engaging.

5 CAN I ENROLL IN BOTH?

No. Families must decide between the Hybrid Model or Remote Learning via Acellus Learning System. You cannot concurrently enroll your learner in both.

6 WHAT IF MY LEARNER WANTS TO SWITCH?

While we understand that circumstances can change, our current policy is that once accepted into the Remote Learning Program, a learner needs to remain in the program for the entire Trimester/Semester.

7 MY LEARNER HAS AN IEP. WILL THERE BE ANY SUPPORT?

Yes, there will be sped staff available to support learners who have IEPs.

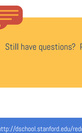
8 WILL MY CHILD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH NEA?

Families will continue to have access to information and events at school, Wednesday morning whole class meetings/LZL, and can attend office hours with their assigned Nea Facilitator. They will have a Nea staff case manager who will hold a weekly class meeting with remote learning learners.

9 WILL THE WORK BE GRADED?

Yes. Acellus provides tests at the end of each unit, grades the tests, and tabulates it in an Acellus Gradebook that is available at any time for review.

10 HOW WILL WE MAKE COURSE SELECTIONS?



As a team, families will discuss and determine their child's strengths, previous assessments, school performance, and learning styles with their facilitators at the start of the year. UV families will also be work with our counselor who will make sure they are taking the courses they need both to graduate and meet their college and career goals.

11 WHAT WOULD THE SCHEDULE BE?

Your learner will be learning from Acellus educators (via video) and will be able to access extra support from Acellus if extra support is needed. Learners can take the lessons at any time and from any location or device. The program keeps track of what learners have completed and what they need to do next.

Still have questions? Please email Jana.Chabre@neaclc.org

REFERENCES

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