



South Heart Public School

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## 2020-21 Distance Learning Plan

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## **Communication Plan**

The School Office shall utilize various communication methods to staff, students, parents, and the community regarding pertinent information and updates including:

- Phone
- Text messaging
- Email
- All call system through Powerschool
- School website
- School Facebook page

Furthermore, school staff shall communicate directly with students and parents using various communication methods including:

- Phone
- Email
- Seesaw
- Zoom
- Google Classroom
- Individual teacher webpages
- Hard Copy Letters and packets

## **Level of Continuation**

In the event that COVID-19 significantly impacts how the School is currently providing educational services, the School believes the following:

- The health and safety of our staff, students, parents, and community shall always be our first priority. As such, the School shall exercise compassion and understanding as it relates COVID-19.
- **Full Continuation** of educational services shall be provided. It is our intent that students will be able to access grade-level and subject-matter content through a variety of age appropriate platforms. Instructional materials that can be sent home will occur, including but not limited to, textbooks and other classroom supplies. Instructional support shall be provided daily in accordance to the approved school calendar and typical school day, including the assessment and evaluation of student work and academic progress.

## **Ensuring Student Success through Robust Relationships**

South Heart School believes that positive relationships are the foundation of our success as a school community. It is our primary goal that communication with all stakeholders will be our #1 priority in providing the highest quality of education to all students and that we will hold true to our mission, philosophy, and district goals/objectives.

# South Heart Public School District #9

## Mission Statement

To prepare each student for the future and for lifelong learning.  
“Learners for Life”

## Philosophy of Education

The South Heart School District believes that the general purpose of education is to provide quality programs of study to make each individual a responsible and productive citizen, who is capable of reaching his/her fullest academic, emotional, physical and social potential.

## School District Goals and Objectives

The goal of the South Heart School District is to teach students fundamentals that will enable students to earn a living, attain personal goals, and make positive changes in society.

1. To provide a well-qualified staff to guide the learning experience and aid the students in developing effective communication skills, encouraging self-discipline, and developing proficiency in academic, vocational, and occupational skills.
2. To teach respect for self and others through meaningful relationships among students, staff, and community.
3. To provide quality experiences and programs which promote physical well-being, sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play.
4. To use diagnostic assessment and evaluation to determine students with special needs in order to develop and implement corrective programs to serve those needs.
5. To develop the aspects of creativity, self-expression, critical thinking, and problem-solving within the range of each student's ability.
6. To ensure that staff, students, and parents are afforded feasible participation in the development of programs and policies that meet the educational needs of the community.

## **Health and Safety Considerations**

As previously mentioned, the health and safety of our staff, students, parents, and community shall always be our first priority. We are constantly monitoring and following the latest updates and guidance from Centers for Disease Control, North Dakota Department of Health, Southwestern District Health Unit, and the Department of Public Instruction. Furthermore, South Heart School has created and implemented appropriate protocols for cleaning, social distancing, and accommodations for students and staff who are at-risk.

## **Attendance/Grading/Schoolwork Expectations**

- a. Students and parents choosing to utilize the distance education option are required to follow the school schedule.
- b. Attendance for students in school and those choosing distance education will be taken and recorded. However, attendance will not be used as a criteria for semester test exemption as students feeling ill are encouraged to stay home in the interest of safety for all students and staff.
- c. All schoolwork expectations, grading, and eligibility requirements will be consistent with students in the building and those choosing distance education.
- d. Students and parents choosing to utilize the distance education option may be required to attend school in an isolated setting for state mandated tests and/or classroom quizzes/tests or to receive other services.

## **Ensuring Equitable Services for Students and Families**

To the greatest extent possible, South Heart School shall provide high-quality instruction and other related services to both on-site traditional education students and off-site distance education students.

- **Staff Development**  
Staff development will be provided as needed to ensure that all students are provided the highest educational opportunities possible.
- **Student Development**  
South Heart Public School is committed to the implementation of traditional education and distance education for the 2020-21 school year. Information, guidelines, and directions regarding the various types of distance education are being provided to students and parents via the 2020-21 South Heart Public School Health and Safety Smart Restart Plan.
- **Student Access to Devices**  
South Heart Public School utilizes iPads, Chromebooks, laptop computers, and desktop computers when students are physically in the building. If needed, these devices will be made available and will be checked out to students who may not have these devices in their homes. Furthermore, South Heart Public School is partnering with West River Special Services to ensure that all technology provides the necessary accommodations for students with various accessibility needs.

- **Ensuring Access**

South Heart School believes that instructional delivery, student learning, and academic achievement during distance education can be best maximized (when age appropriate) through the use of the internet and various devices. South Heart Public School will work with local internet providers to assist homes with accessing internet

- **Access to Classes/Courses for Distance Education students**

Instruction is provided off-campus to distance education students through the use of distance learning platforms as noted below and other resources as determined by the school. Options also include enrollment in online courses for students in grades 7-12 through the North Dakota Center for Distance Education (paid by the school).

**South Heart School Distance Learning Platforms**

South Heart Elementary:	PK - 3	Seesaw & Zoom
	4 - 6	Google Classroom
South Heart High School:	7 - 12	Google Classroom
Alternate Platforms as needed:	PK - 12	Zoom