



FARRELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Academic Achievement for All"

The first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2020.

Farrell Distance Learning Academy

All students have the option of receiving instruction virtually through Farrell's Distance Learning Academy. The Academy will serve both students in the Elementary (grades K-6) and High School (grades 7-12).

Online students will receive daily instruction from Farrell teachers delivering instruction both in-person and virtually. The curriculum will be delivered in an asynchronous (in-person) and synchronous (video) manner.

Families opting for distance learning will have to sign and agree to the terms in the district's technology agreements. If parents opt to use their own device from home, these forms must still be submitted to their respective building offices.

Virtual options can not be discontinued prior to the end of each 9 week grading period. Any student enrolled in the Virtual Academy must make a commitment to remain enrolled for the entire 9 week grading period.

Should our online learners return to in person instruction later in the school year, the transition will be rather seamless as the coursework and timing will mirror that of their peers who have been enrolled in in-person instruction.

Elementary Platform

The Elementary School will utilize the Accelerate Education platform for distance learning. Farrell educators will use the online courses and curriculum that correlates with Farrell curriculum aligned to PA Core Standards. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities and assessments appropriate to the courses being studied including: labs, journals, written assignments, group and individual projects, formative assessments, objective tests, and written exams.

High School Platform

The High School will utilize the Edgenuity platform for distance learning. Farrell educators will use the online courses and curriculum that correlates with Farrell curriculum aligned to PA Core Standards. A combination of direct-instruction videos, rigorous assignments, performance tasks, and assessments are to engage students and ensure subject-area mastery.

If you have questions and/or need to register for the **Farrell Distance Learning Academy**, please contact your child's building office: Elementary Office (724)509-1114, High School Office (724)509-1245, or Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, Nichole Columbus (724)509-1304.