

DISTANCE LEARNING - WHAT IF'S

Attendance What Ifs...

How will attendance be taken? Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of each class. A child must attend all live classes on a given day to be considered present. If a class is missed, it will count as a tardy or early dismissal depending upon the time of day of the class.

What if I know we are unable to attend a class/live session... can this be an excused absence?

Yes, on occasion a student can make up the work but only if it is pre-arranged with the teacher. For example, if you know you have an appointment, you could let the teacher know and still complete the assignment. If you are not going to make up the assignment, a note for the appointment would still need to be turned into the office. See Academic What Ifs for more information.

What if I cannot log on (power out, device issues, etc.)? If you are able, you should email the teacher as soon as possible to let them know the circumstances. If it is during the lesson, the teacher will have a timestamp showing you were unable to get on and if he/she/they see it during the lesson, they can begin recording. If it is after the fact, please let the teacher know and if it is possible to make up work, we will arrange that. We do suggest having a back-up plan for technology issues – have a second location you can go to, put logins on a phone for emergencies, etc.

What if my child oversleeps? Just like in school, tardies and early dismissals impact a student's learning. Please note that in our Attendance Addendum, 5 unexcused tardies or early dismissals will count at 1 absence. The attendance policy regarding absences and truancy will be in effect.

What if my child has a prescheduled appointment? You have two options. You can work with the teacher to record the lesson and complete at a later time during the same day or you can miss the lesson and it will count as an absence/tardy (excused only if a note is provided to the main office).

Academic What Ifs...

Will all lessons be recorded? No, lessons will only be recorded and available if this is pre-arranged with the teacher. So, if you know you cannot attend a session, you can ask the teacher to record it and complete it later for it not to count as an unexcused absence but only if this is prearranged. Please note that this cannot be a standing order to "record all morning

meetings,” etc. and should only be done on occasion. The intent is for students to attend and interact during live sessions.

What if I have a concern about my child’s learning? Your first step should be to contact your child’s teacher. They can work with you to provide additional support, strategies or resources. They also can let you know what is typical at each grade/age level.

What if I am realizing that the program (distance or hybrid) that I chose is not the best learning option for my child? While placement is set through January, we will consider changes on a case by case basis if there is truly a need or concern. Please know that changing in the middle will result in a teacher change and other possible complications and it will only be done in extreme circumstances. You should email Courtney.Fox@fsma.k12.de.us with any program change requests.