



Alternative Learning Arrangements

What To Expect For Hybrid Instruction During Illness or Quarantine

Our number one priority is student safety. All of our decisions are made with this as the primary focus and we understand that missing school is never ideal.

When a student is home for a few days for illness or out of precaution...

Just like in a typical school year, if a child is out for a few days (not on mandatory quarantine or isolation), FSMA does not require students to complete assignments at home. If a student/family prefers to provide continued learning opportunities at home, they can continue with their online platforms, cultural lessons and any follow up work the teacher provides digitally. Teachers are not expected to provide daily work during student illness unless it is anticipated to be an extended period of time (over one week). In addition, students will not be able to join the classroom live or participate in live lessons during the hybrid school day.

When a student has been advised by the Department of Public Health (DPH) or First State Montessori Academy (FSMA) to quarantine for 10 days...

FSMA will adhere to all of the Department of Health Recommendations for staff/students and will provide alternate learning plans for each student when they are out due to DPH required quarantine or isolation.

When a student absence is anticipated to be longer than one week, our teachers will support student learning by:

- Ensuring that learning materials/curriculum are accessible (by arranging contactless pick-up or making it available digitally)
- Assigning lessons or activities that can be done in an asynchronous format (there will not be live lessons during the hybrid school day)
- Providing required and recommended activities to support classroom instruction
- Contacting the student/family weekly to check in on material completion, collect feedback, conduct a mini-lesson (if needed for work completion at home), etc.

Please remember that there is not an ability to “drop-in” to a distance learning classroom or participate in live classroom lessons. While a 10 day quarantine may sound like a lot of time, it is typically only 4 - 6 half days of instruction (based on what grade level the student is in) and our hope is to ensure there is still meaningful learning for all students during this time.

What if my student receives special education services and is required to quarantine?

For students who receive special education services, the school will continue to provide those services while students are quarantining. As part of a holistic plan, the special education staff will work with the general education teacher to create a plan for each student’s instruction beyond what is listed above.

Taking into consideration each individual student’s goals and needs, the following will happen:

- A member of the team will contact parents about scheduling student services while the child is out due to quarantine/isolation.
- Special education services may include joining small group lessons virtually, being given a live lesson and follow up assignments, practice activities, etc. commensurate with goals and services.
- Any Speech, OT, and/or counseling services may be scheduled and will occur virtually.