

# IMAGINE SOUTH LAKE CHARTER

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Good afternoon Warrior families,

In an effort to share information as we receive it, please check out the helpful tips and frequently asked questions below.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

*What if I need technology?* Please contact Nichole Meerleveld at [nichole.meerleveld@imagineschools.org](mailto:nichole.meerleveld@imagineschools.org) to arrange for technology to be provided.

*What if I do not have wifi?* Please contact Nichole Meerleveld at [nichole.meerleveld@imagineschools.org](mailto:nichole.meerleveld@imagineschools.org) to learn about free wifi services.

*What if I do not have enough computers for every child in my house?* Tele-learning can be done at varied times, so students can share one device. There will not be an expectation that all students in a class will be online at the same time. While there will be some opportunity for live webinars/chats with teachers, these are optional. Flexibility is a must. While we would love for students to login daily for assignments, the goal is completion of all assignments by the end of the week.

*How will I know what my child is supposed to do each day?* Students in K-1 will receive an email checklist for daily work through Jupiter Grades. students in 2-8 will receive their checklist daily through Google classroom. Teachers will be in contact with more information next week.

*Will my child be expected to be online from 8:20-3:20 daily?* The short answer is no. Students will have no more than 3 lessons daily, two core content (either reading and social studies or math and science) and one special area lesson each day. For K-1 lessons will be no more than 15 minutes each, 2-3 no more than 30 minutes each, 4-8 no more than 45 minutes each. Lessons can be done in accordance with whatever times work best for each family's schedule.



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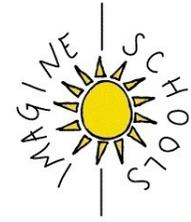
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*What if I want more work for my child than what is provided from the teacher?* We encourage students and families to read together and explore learning new things together during this time! Please do not ask teachers to provide additional work for your child. You are welcome to utilize online learning resources over and above what is provided to you.

*Can students be retained? What about the third-grade reading requirement?* The Governor was clear that parents can choose to retain their child in the same grade level, but determinations for promotion (particularly in third grade) will be evaluated as though the assessments did not exist. For online learning, grades can only help students, not hurt their overall year averages.

*What about requirements for graduation and promotion?* Several of you have asked about the testing requirements for graduation and the requirement that the EOCs be used as 30% of final course grades. FDOE stated that requirements for graduation and promotion, and final course grades will be evaluated as though those assessments which were cancelled did not exist.

*How can students with disabilities receive services during online learning?* Here is the guidance from the FLDOE: To support students with identified IEP-related services who may have a disruption in services, school districts are given flexibility for the remainder of the school year to provide alternative services or delay services until later in the summer months, in coordination with a student's parents and IEP team. Imagine South Lake ESE teachers will be in contact with their students to support them to the fullest extent possible during online learning.

*Are field trips cancelled?* As of now, all field trips for the remainder of the school year have been cancelled. We are sad about this as well, as we so look forward to these memory makers with our students.

*Are end of year events like graduation, athletic banquet, and the Warrior Walkout cancelled?* We are waiting to make a determination on these events until further guidance from the state and the CDC is given.

I will again reiterate that this is uncharted waters. We will not navigate this challenge flawlessly, but will give an earnest effort. In return, I ask for your patience and grace



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with myself and my team when challenges arise – as we know they will. We are one team, one Warrior community, and we are in this together.

## Helpful tips:

- Routine is key. We encourage students to stick to a sleep schedule and get cleaned up and dressed each morning.
- Students must be dressed, not in pajamas, to participate in any live video chats with teachers.
- Limit distractions when your child should be doing school work – especially digital distractions.
- Create a space for learning.
- Make time for snack breaks, “recess” and outside play.
- Allow them to video chat with friends – but supervise this activity. Face to face interaction with friend and teachers is important!
- Schedule time for fun and family – plan for family game nights and movie nights.

More information to come soon!

We are Warrior Strong!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Dial'.

Kathleen Dial

Principal



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