

Calico Rock School District Blended/Remote Learning Plan

The Calico Rock School District is steeped in rich tradition and history. The District serves the educational needs of those who live in the townships and surrounding communities of Calico Rock and is blessed with a strong sense of community. The district is willing to change the way traditional curriculum is taught in order to better meet the educational needs of our student body with the ability to offer face to face on site instruction, online instruction or a combination of the two.

Blended Learning Platform

The Calico Rock School District faculty and staff will continue to strive to ensure students have the resources necessary to participate in a blended/digital learning experience. Our learning plan is designed to reinforce the fundamental curriculum of each course offered at Calico Rock and to introduce new learning material needed for each class. Utilizing Canvas as our Learning Management System and the use of Google Classroom for additional support, we believe we have the resources needed to implement a successful blending learning environment for our students.

The school districts will start with assessing each student to determine the unfinished learning from the prior school year. These assessments will be through the K-2 and 3-8 iReady assessments. The school will utilize the data collected in order to create an individualized learning plan for each student. The plans will include options for both onsite and offsite learning opportunities throughout the blended learning options set forth by the district. Secondary grade levels will be assessed using Math and Literacy IXL programs. The district will continue to use the ACT Aspire Interim assessment tools, as well as classroom facilitator assessments.

Teachers will provide instruction through videos, live streaming software, and/or Google Classroom and Canvas. Teachers and staff will be available to communicate with students and parents/guardians by phone, email or Zoom sessions to provide additional support. Information and demonstration will also be offered for parents and students during open house on site or online for information regarding blended learning. Continued communication with parents and students will be provided from the school districts website, mass text alerts and the social media pages of the school district. Information will also be sent to local media outlets as deemed necessary.

With almost 30% of our student body unable to have or choosing to not have internet access and the fact that a large portion of these students live in an area where internet connection or cell phone providers signal is not available, the school will provide wireless access in the parking lot of both campuses. If the students cannot travel to connect to these local wireless locations, we will accommodate their needs by helping them research their options of connectivity and opportunity to gain access to signal. If students need a device, the district will provide the students with a Chromebook/laptop or other electronic device to allow them to use for online learning.

Health and Wellness

The district will continue to meet the needs of our student's health and wellness by providing contact with our school counselor as well as using contracted mental health providers such as Families Inc. Counseling Services whether it be face to face interactions or by using some type of virtual meeting, such as google meets/zoom or some variation of both.

Teacher Training

High School

Teachers will receive training on the Learning Management System (Canvas) that the district will be using on August 5 and August 17 before the start of school. This will include blended learning options and the delivery of instruction. There will be additional training throughout the year as needed. The training can be online, face to face or a combination of the two.

The district will also be using support from Virtual Arkansas on the use of Canvas and teachers will have the ability to use Lincoln Learning Content and Virtual Arkansas Content for their courses.

Teachers will analyze student data and create personalized learning options available for blended learning in the classroom. The district will provide teachers training in house, outside sources, online or a combination of the above.

Elementary

- * Scheduling teacher training for blended learning (delivery of instruction)

Teachers will receive training through Zoom meetings with Virtual Arkansas for Canvas. In house training will be used for Lincoln Learning for the content specific to grade level and course content in addition to Google Classroom. Teachers received initial training on August 7, 2020. Teachers will continue to meet after school PD's to continue their learning process of the LMS and how to embed our school curriculum into Canvas.

* What training will be offered to assist teachers in effective delivery of instruction with a blended learning model?

Training will include: Virtual Arkansas- Canvas, iReady, Google Classroom, Lincoln Learning

* What is the schedule for this training?

Initial training: 8-7-20

After School trainings: 8-19-20

9-30-20

10-21-20

11-18-20

12-9-20

01-27-21

02-24-21

03-10-21

04-14-21

05-12-21

* Will there be on-going support throughout the year?

Yes, in the after school meetings:

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