

Appendix A

Remote Learning Program

Maine's Department of Education and Erskine Academy recognize that no provision can wholly replace the in-person schooling experience and do not expect that remote learning can replicate a traditional school day. EA's school community hopes that the circumstances resulting from Covid-19 that alter school life will subside within this school year, thus allowing the return to safe and regular daily attendance for all students. With that stated, Erskine Academy's *Remote Learning Program* is intended for students who are medically vulnerable or whose families are concerned about the potential health risks currently associated with school-based learning. The program is designed to keep students on pace with their classes and peers throughout the duration of learning remotely to ensure they are prepared and able to join courses live when conditions permit.

The following details Erskine Academy's *Remote Learning Program*:

Description

Students will be instructed 100% of the time remotely with support from their subject teachers. Students choosing the option of the *Remote Learning Program* must commit to staying in the program for one trimester at a minimum. At or near the close of the trimester, students or parents can inform the school of their intention to transition to the school's onsite learning model once a new trimester starts.

Expectations

- Students who participate in this option will have access to online curriculum materials provided by Erskine Academy teachers, which will be similar to the school-based curriculum but may not be an exact match. Every attempt will be made to duplicate in-school offerings. Still, students and parents should know that students who enroll in the *Remote Learning Program* will not have access to the full Erskine Academy course catalog.

- Students will be required to attend daily classes remotely (virtually) online when those classes are live at school (synchronous learning).
 - The timing for the *Remote Learning Program* will mirror the regular school day bell schedule. At this time, Erskine Academy will be holding classes four days a week with Wednesday being a full day of virtual learning for all students. Students opting for the *Remote Learning Program* will be required to attend all their courses remotely at the scheduled time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
 - Attendance will be taken daily and tracked. Students who fail to connect with their class remotely will be considered absent and must contact their teacher directly to explain their absence and receive the necessary work to prepare for the next class.
 - Students who are chronically absent while attending the *Remote Learning Program* jeopardize the course counting toward GPA and class rank.
- Submit assignments as assigned on the established due date.
 - Expectations and outcomes for courses within the Erskine Academy *Remote Learning Program* will be identical to the in-person class.
 - Traditional numerical grades will be issued for all courses.
- Participate in all individual conference sessions as requested by the teacher.
- Pick up the required materials as needed.
 - Students or parents may occasionally need to pick up materials from the school to support remote learning.
- Have reliable internet access.
 - Students who participate in this option will need access to home technology devices and reliable internet to be successful.