



# SECONDARY VIRTUAL CONNECTION

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Virtual Families,

As the leaves are falling and the weather changes, I am taking time to reflect on how to continue to improve the learning experience for your students. The first seven weeks have been a time for me to learn, practice patience, be flexible and adapt to this new educational experience. I am sure many of your students are feeling the same way. Your continued support for your student’s education is much appreciated.

To help you and your student navigate this new virtual learning experience, I wanted to point out the below resource links. It will also be helpful for you to continue reading the newsletters from your student’s “home” school as there will be pertinent information passed along there also. Look for more tips in upcoming newsletters and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns ([thedtke@ecasd.us](mailto:thedtke@ecasd.us)).

Sincerely,  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 30: End of Secondary marking period
- November 17: Schools Open - Middle School FT Conferences (Virtually) 3:15-7:15
- November 19: Schools Open – High School FT Conferences (Virtually) 3:15-7:15
- November 23: Schools Closed – All Levels FT Conferences (Virtually)
- November 24-27: All Schools Closed; Thanksgiving Break

## SCHOOL LINKS

- <http://www.ecasd.us/DeLong-Middle-School/Home>
- <https://www.ecasd.us/Northstar-Middle-School/>
- <https://www.ecasd.us/South-Middle-School/Home>
- <https://www.ecasd.us/Memorial-High-School/Home>
- <https://www.ecasd.us/North-High-School/Home>

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Virtual Learning Contacts: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/COVID-19/COVID-19-Virtual-Learning>

Technology Support/Resources: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/COVID-19/Tech-Support-and-Resources>

High School Student Services – Canvas page <https://ecasd.instructure.com/courses/34369>

## Schedule for Virtual Pick-up Materials

### Delong Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up materials Friday, October 23, from 6:30-11:00 am and 1:00-5:00 pm at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Multiple items will be bagged and clearly marked with the student name in the door 1 lobby. Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on materials pick up days. These should be placed in the labeled bins.

Cohort C students may request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Oct. 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### Northstar Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up materials on these Fridays: Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20, Dec 4, from 6:30-11:00 am and 1:00-5:00 pm at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Items will be bagged and/or clearly marked with the student name on tables within the door 1 lobby. Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on materials pick up days. These should be placed in the labeled bins.

Cohort C students may also request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Oct. 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### South Material Pick-Up:

Cohort C students will be able to pick up materials Friday, 10/23, from 6:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. at door 1. Teachers will inform their students if they have materials to pick up. Multiple items will be bagged and clearly marked with the student name in the attendance office.

Cohort C families may drop off library books and textbooks on material pick up days. Place in labeled blue bin just inside the attendance office door.

Cohort C students may also request books to be picked up on scheduled pickup days: Oct. 23; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4. See your school's library website for instructions. Those are also the days to return books you have finished. Email Mrs. Nord at [mnord@ecasd.us](mailto:mnord@ecasd.us) with questions and happy reading!

### MHS:

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, 10/23, be outside of door 15 (the main entrance/attendance office). Pull up to the door and someone will come out. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY 10/20 to [kroffers@ecasd.us](mailto:kroffers@ecasd.us). Your teachers will post the title of any book, workbook, or other materials you need to pick up that week in Canvas. Nothing posted, nothing to pick up. You will only get a response if there's a question. Study Sync workbooks do not need an e-mail. Please pick up previous requests or they will be checked back in. See you next Friday!

### NHS:

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, 10/23, outside door #7, back of the school off of Mercury Avenue. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY, 10/20, to [rbruchert@ecasd.us](mailto:rbruchert@ecasd.us). Your teachers will post the title of any book, workbook, or other materials you need to pick up that week in Canvas. Nothing posted, nothing to pick up. You will only get a response if there's a question. Study Sync workbooks do not need an e-mail. Please pick up previous requests or they will be checked back in. See you next Friday!

Future Pickup Dates:

E-mail request by:

For pickup on:

Tuesday, November 03

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December 01

Tuesday, December 15

Friday, November 6

Friday, November 20

Friday, December 4

Friday, December 18

As the weather changes, so will the instructions for pickup.



## VIRTUAL LEARNING TIPS

### KEEP A STEADY SCHEDULE

On days your student is learning from home, try to maintain a consistent schedule as much as possible. Take breaks and have lunch at around the same time each day. This will provide a sense of structure for students.



### CREATE THE RIGHT SPACE

Designate a room or area of your home where your student will do all or most of their virtual learning. Make this space as conducive to learning as possible, with a table or desk, comfortable chair, adequate lighting and relatively few distractions.

### CHECK IN ON LEARNING

Be sure to check your email for any messages from your child's teachers. Ask your student about the assignments they are working on and upcoming due dates. Have your child give you a brief progress report in the morning and afternoon.



### STAY ORGANIZED

Encourage your child to stay organized in both their physical and digital spaces. Their work area should be free of clutter and distractions. On their laptops or mobile devices, they should have a good system for storing files and documents so they can find what they need quickly.

### BE PATIENT

Virtual learning does not come easily to everyone. While the pandemic remains a factor in our lives, students may need some extra help staying on track and getting accustomed to the demands the virtual learning presents. Be understanding and patient as your student makes these transitions.



## What's the Difference Between ASYNCHRONOUS & SYNCHRONOUS Learning?

This school year, students and families have learned some new terms related to virtual learning—including asynchronous and synchronous learning. Both formats offer valuable teaching and learning opportunities for students. But what's the difference between the two?



### ASYNCHRONOUS

Students log in, view content and complete assignments on their own time.

Communication takes place through discussion posts, chats and email.

Provides greater flexibility for students and families.

Students can work at their own pace.



### SYNCHRONOUS

Students attend virtual class on specific days & times.

Communication with teachers and peers takes place in real time.

Students can ask questions and actively work with their classmates.

Allows for instant feedback and clarification.



## ECASD SCHOOL MEALS



Free breakfast and lunch can be picked up at the following locations Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 9:30am:

- Delong (Parking lot entry from Moholt Drive – Door #7 in the back)
- Northstar (Parking lot entry from Abbe Hill Drive - Door #5 on the right side)
- South (Parking lot entry from Mitscher Ave – Door #7 facing Mitscher Ave)
- Memorial (Pull-up at Keith St. -- Door #4 facing Keith Street)
- North (Parking lot entry from Piedmont Street – Door #1 under the Husky)

Pick up areas will be outside each school listed above and will be served in a “grab and go” fashion.