



January 5, 2021

Hello Akili Families,

Yesterday, NOLA-PS, in partnership with the New Orleans Health Department, directed that all New Orleans public schools shall return to remote learning by Thursday, January 7, 2021. We will be following the below guidelines given to us by the district:

- Full distance learning instruction begins on 1/7/2021.
- School facilities are not closed during distance learning.
- Schools may continue in-person instruction for PK-5 students and for special populations in groups of no more than 15 persons. If schools utilize this model they must adhere to Phase 1 Safety and Operations guidelines as defined in the NOLA-PS Roadmap to Reopening found [here](#).

If your student is part of the special population group that we are continuing to serve with in-person learning, we have contacted you directly with further information. NOLA-PS will review their decision on January 21st with an earliest return to in-person learning for most students beginning on Monday, January 25th.

Materials Pick Up, Wednesday, January 6th 11:00am-3:00pm:

Teachers have taken today and tomorrow to thoughtfully prepare for how best to support your child for at home learning. We will have a Materials and Meals drive thru on Wednesday, January 6th, from 11:00am-3:00pm for families to collect important materials for at home learning. Please see the bullets below to determine if your family must attend:

- ALL PK-4 Scholars who were attending school **IN PERSON** in December must attend to pick up important materials to support at home learning.
- PK-4 Scholars who were already in our virtual learning program do not need to attend the drive-thru at this time.
- ALL 5-8 Scholars must attend to pick up important materials to support at home learning.
- ***Select scholars in all grades will be contacted by their teacher directly to request that they attend the drive through to pick up materials. If your child's teacher contacts you today, you must attend the drive-thru tomorrow.**

- Any families who would like to pick up 3 days of meals for any children in their home should also attend.

Daily Schedule:

Each student's school Google calendar is now updated. You can access this by logging into their computer with their student email account. You should have also received a phone call today from your child's homeroom teacher with details on their virtual schedule which begins on Thursday. If you have questions, please reach out to your teacher or the Akili Main Office at 504-355-4172.

Internet Access:

Here are details about Cox's low cost internet options:

- Fast, low-cost home internet with wifi.
- No annual contracts, no deposits, free installation, free Wifi modem
- \$9.95 per month for qualified families
- Learn more at Cox.com/LowCostInternet or 1-855-825-1466

We will continue to provide curbside meal service for all children, regardless of their enrollment status at Akili, at the front entrance to the school on the following schedule:

- Mondays, 10:00-1:00 [2 days of meals]
- Wednesdays, 10:00-1:00 [3 days of meals]
- Please visit the NOLA-PS Child Nutrition website for more information about community meal programs in your neighborhood: <https://nolapublicschools.com/covid19/nutrition>

We are really disappointed to start off 2021 virtually, and we know how difficult this is for families. We have safely held in person school since September, and we look forward to when we are allowed to have in person school again. In the meantime, we will continue to provide the best education possible for your family.

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year,

Allison Lowe
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