

SMA Distance Learning Plan

SMA will endeavor to provide the best-possible instruction and engagement with your children during this period of social distancing. We understand that a distance learning platform in no way replaces the opportunity that your students receive in our classrooms with face-to-face instruction. Our goal is to execute lesson plans and continue to move learning forward while maintaining the required social distancing and safety for our SMA community. Our teachers are preparing to make the adjustments necessary in order to continue instruction and engagement with your students from a distance.

SMA will initiate the Distance Learning Plan starting Monday, March 23, 2020, although it will likely be Wednesday, March 25, before you see all classes being covered in depth. Another communication from your student's individual teacher(s) will be forthcoming with details of their plans and expectations. We will reevaluate and issue further guidelines as the COVID-19 scenario changes.

The SMA technology team will be available to assist parents and students who may have accessibility issues to online resources, and all faculty will be available online to assist with distance learning questions. Contact them via email. For tech issues, email Nancy Smith at smithn@smabears.org Use the individual teacher's email to contact teachers with questions.

All extracurricular and other co-curricular activities are suspended until further notice. TAPPS is regulating our ability to practice and play based on COVID-19. As regulations are lifted, we will notify all parties of our plan for return to play. Regular communication and engagement with instructors and coaches will remain intact throughout this period.

Supplies Needed

During this time of distance learning, the SMA campus will be **closed** to all visitors, day students, and parents. **Monday, March 23, 2020, through Tuesday, March 24, 2020**, we are providing a safe opportunity for you to drive on campus to retrieve any needed school materials or supplies your child has on campus. Call the main school office (512) 753-8040 beginning at 8:00 AM on Monday morning to set an appointment for pick-up. The guard at the front gate will only let you pass through with an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM on Monday and Tuesday.

MS (Middle School) and US (Upper School) Students

Teachers will be communicating with your students via their SMA Bears account (studenta@smabears.org) and with parents through FACTS/Renweb. Students will be required to monitor their account daily throughout the extended period. Please make sure your children are familiar with their SMA email and are able to access their email messages. Middle and Upper School students will have the requirement to be online on a regular basis Monday through Thursday. They will have a minimum of two graded assignments per week. We will run a modified A/B block schedule M-Th with a monitored tutorial day on Friday.

MS/US Distance Learning Schedule

Times	Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (A)	Thursday (B)	Friday-Tutorials
8:30-9:15	1st Period	5th Period	1st Period	5th Period	Teachers will be available through Google Classroom or email for academic support.
9:30-10:15	2nd Period	6th Period	2nd Period	6th Period	
10:30-11:15	3rd Period	7th Period	3rd Period	7th Period	
11:30-12:15	4th Period	Bear Time/ALE	4th Period	Bear Time/ALE	

Instruction will be accomplished through a number of different platforms including Zoom and Google Classroom. Students will need to be online at the appointed times for instruction, discussion, and/or assignments. Participation in lessons will be monitored. Administration will monitor lesson plans, delivery, and student participation. For Zoom access on your phone or tablet, you may download the app or you may use Zoom.com. This will also work with laptops using the web browser.

LS (Lower School) Students

Teachers will communicate with Lower School parents via email in order to arrange distance learning with Lower School students. Please make sure all parents who will be involved with distance learning are checking emails every day. The LS administration and teachers have devised the plan you see below as a framework.

K-5th Grade Distance Learning Plan

Subject	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Math	Khan Academy & Paper Based Activities	Khan Academy & Paper Based Activities	Khan Academy & Paper Based Activities	3 Saxon Lessons per week with online based activities	3 Saxon Lessons per week with online based activities	Daily Saxon Lessons & supplementary Prodigy
ELAR	RAZ Kids & Paper Based Activities	Teacher Based Activities on Google Classroom & Email PDF's	Teacher Based Activities on Google Classroom & Email PDF's			

Science	Discovery and Exploration Activities	Discovery and Exploration Activities	Discovery and Exploration Activities	Discovery and Exploration Activities	Discovery and Exploration Activities/Lessons	Science Writing Essay
Social Studies	Discovery and Exploration Activities	Project Based Activity	Project Based Activity	Project Based Activity	Project Based Activity	Project Based Activity
Bible	Individual Teacher Based Activity	Individual Teacher Based Activity	Individual Teacher Based Activity	Individual Teacher Based Activity	Individual Teacher Based Activity	Individual Teacher Based Activity
PE	GoNoodle or outside activities	GoNoodle or outside activities	GoNoodle or outside activities	GoNoodle or outside activities	GoNoodle or outside activities	GoNoodle or outside activities
Art	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression	Mo Willems Lunch Doodle or Free Expression
ALP	Mrs. Bagley will be adding books to existing Learning Ally accounts and will be contacting parents individually.					
Optional Activities	Real-Life Math Experiences (cooking, organizing, money, measurements, scavenger hunts, building structures, STEM/STEAM activities)					
Teacher Contact	Teachers will be checking emails throughout the day and will get back to you as soon as possible.					

In Conclusion

These actions will obviously have an effect on our school and the lives of our students in the next two weeks. We fully understand the burden this puts on many in the SMA family who will have to rearrange plans and revise how they interact with school responsibilities. We deeply appreciate the hard work so many of you have done and will continue to do throughout this public health crisis. Now more than ever, we are relying on your partnership with us to prepare your children for lives of faith and service, fully prepared to enroll in the college of their choice upon graduation.

We will continue to provide updates and guidance as soon and as often as possible. Please expect your volume of emails to increase over the remainder of this period. This is simply a necessity. We will continue to update distance learning guidelines throughout the next several days as needed. There will likely be a FAQ section added to answer those most often asked questions.