

# Ignite | ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

*at Elder W. Diggs School*

Re-Opening Parent Meeting

July 23, 2020

# What is the IAA Re-Opening Plan?

- School re-opens Monday August 17. With a staggered start
  - 5-6-Monday August 17
  - 3-4 Wednesday August 19
  - 1-2-Monday August 24
  - K-Wednesday August 26
- Ignite will be opening with virtual instruction
- There is an onsite virtual option for families who are in critical need

# How will the virtual plan work?

- Students will have an 8-4 schedule Monday-Friday.
- Attendance is mandatory and will be taken daily. If for some reason a scholar needs to be absent, please contact the school.
- Student will experience a combination of live instruction and independent work time. Live instruction includes electives, morning meetings, and our social emotional curriculum, Second Steps.
- Assessments will be given virtually. If in the event the school year extends virtually into state testing season, we will make arrangements for that testing to happen onsite.
- Every scholar will receive a Chromebook, computer bag, and headphones.
- Every scholar will be lead by a classroom teacher and will receive instruction that is standards-based from our core curriculum

## How does this virtual season look different from last spring?

- Last spring, the IDOE relaxed its guidelines due to sudden closures. This year they are reinstating full accountability:
  - Schools are required to provide 180 days of instruction.
  - 5 hours of instruction per day is required. It can be a combination of live learning and independent work time.
  - Attendance is taken daily. Families will be held accountable to the attendance policy outlined in the Family Handbook.
  - Students will be graded per the grading policy in the Family Handbook. Students will be required to submit assignments in our LMS and will be graded



# Virtual learning in the building

- Scholars will receive instruction virtually from classroom teacher
- Scholars will receive support in the building for a learning mentor
- Scholars and staff will be held to the safety guidelines outlined by our school in accordance to the Marion County Health Department and CDC guidelines.
- Students will have a slightly modified schedule so we are able to accommodate bathroom and lunch breaks

# Support for Virtual Learning

## Instructional and Community Support

**Teachers:** Scholars will receive support and instruction from teachers. They will be your main point of contact for any curriculum or instructional support needs.

**Special Education Team:** The special education team will continue to provide services for scholars who have an IEP. This includes therapy and instructional support.

**Technical Support:** Families will have access to technical support from 8am-8pm Monday-Friday. Families can also email our helpdesk at any time.

**Community Resource support:** We recognize that families may have needs that are beyond the scope of the educational services that teachers provide. Please reach out to us and we will do our best to assist you.

# Communication/Community Engagement

## Engagement Strategies

**Powerblast:** Families will continue to receive weekly Powerblast with important information and updates from the school leaders.

**Social Media/Website:** Our social media pages and website will continue to remain the hub for communication and information to families. It will also be used as an avenue to actively engage our scholars and families in our school culture and learning activities through the use of instructional videos, video messages, photos of our staff and students engaging in home learning.

**Weekly Family Newsletter:** A weekly family newsletter will be sent to families when school starts to help engage our families in the school community. It will highlight tips and motivation for scholars, Value of the Week, SAT word, etc.