



575-527-5916

Las Montañas Distance Learning FAQ's

1. What is Las Montañas' plan to start the 2020/2021 school year?

- a. LMCHS will begin the 2020/2021 school year in a full distance learning model and will follow all New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) guidelines on when we can safely return to school.
- b. The school year will begin, as originally planned, on August 6.

2. How will the school keep families informed about changing circumstances?

- a. Communication will be made through various forms such as email, Remind App (texts), phone calls, and letters if necessary.
 - i. Information will be routinely updated on the school's website and social media pages.

3. How will distance learning look?

- a. Expectations will be similar to a traditional in-person class.
- b. Students will be assigned a schedule and will complete school work through Google Classroom or CANVAS. Students will work with their teachers through phone calls, video conferences, or email.

4. What credit requirements will there be at LMCHS in a distance learning environment?

- a. Credit requirements will remain the same whether it is a distance learning, hybrid, or full reentry model. Online classes and in-person classes will use Canvas, Google Classroom or Edgenuity.
- b. Staff and students will receive training on effective distance learning practices.

- c. Las Montañas staff will provide individual consultation with all students and families on their credit analysis.

5. How will seniors be able to meet graduation requirements?

- a. After completing all required courses, students will have options to demonstrate high school competency through one of the following:
 - i. Standardized exams such as the SAT, ACT, or EOC (with passing scores dependent on state requirements).
 - ii. Seniors have passed a teacher-created assessment at the end of each term.

6. How will LMCHS support distance learning?

- a. **Support** – LMCHS staff will be available to help train parents and students in online platforms and all distance learning requirements.
- b. **Grading** – Students will receive their grade through participation and submission of required assignments, projects, and discussions in Google Classroom or CANVAS.
 - i. Parents can request accommodations based on student needs.
- c. **Attendance** – Online attendance will be measured by weekly student engagement.
- d. **Ensuring student engagement and participation**
 - i. Staff will routinely collaborate with students and parents to ensure student engagement.

7. What if I don't have access to the technology needed for distance learning?

- a. The school will provide the necessary technology for students to be successful in a distance learning environment; including a laptop and/or internet access for those in need.

8. How will LMCHS continue to provide special education services in a distance learning environment?

- a. All special education accommodations and modifications will still be met, as per the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

- b. Exceptions to the in-person delay include small group instruction by appointment for students receiving special education services (to include related services providers- psychological and speech services).

9. How will LMCHS continue to provide bilingual education in a distance learning environment?

- a. All bilingual supports will continue to be met in a distance learning environment.

10. How will you support continued, distance learning instruction for dual enrollment courses?

- a. LMCHS will follow the guidelines and procedures of Doña Ana Community College (DACC).

11. What if my child has additional social and emotional needs?

- a. Teachers will remain flexible in order to meet the individual needs of each student.
- b. Student Learning Community (SLC) classes will be provided to all students in order to support academic and social-emotional needs.
- c. A school counselor and on-staff social worker will be available for additional support.

12. How will educators/staff check-in with students?

- a. Teachers will be in weekly contact with students through email, Google Classroom, phone call, texts, or other forms of communication.
- b. SLC teachers will also be in weekly contact with students to assess their academic, and social and emotional needs.

13. Will there still be electives and extracurricular activities?

- a. Elective and Career Technical Education (CTE) courses will still be provided through online courses.
- b. The school is planning to have extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs. However, the school will follow state guidelines concerning extracurricular activities, which might change when these activities are available.

14. How will LMCHS support families and caregivers as they facilitate learning at home?

- a. Open lines of communication and flexibility will be kept between staff, students, and parents/guardians.
- b. Students and families will be able to receive virtual and possibly one-on-one in-person support in order to better understand how to help their child in a distance learning model.

15. Will there still be a breakfast and lunch program?

- a. Yes, all students will continue to receive a free breakfast and lunch for every instructional day. Breakfast and lunch will be available in a grab-and-go pick up. More details to come.

16. What safety protocols are put in place at the school in case staff, a student or parent needs to come into the building?

- a. All staff, students, and visitors will be screened upon entering the building, including temperature screening. They will be asked the following health questions.
 - i. Have you had a recent cough?
 - ii. Have you had a recent fever?
 - iii. Do you have a pending COVID test?
 - iv. Have you travelled outside of New Mexico in the last 2 weeks?
- b. All staff and visitors will be required to wear a face mask at all times when in the building.
- c. All staff and visitors will be required to sanitize their hands when entering the building.
- d. Cleaning and sanitizing will be regular practice and there will be hand sanitizing stations strategically placed all throughout the building.
- e. All staff and visitors will be required to check-in for contact tracing purposes.

If you have any questions/concerns please call the school at 575-527-5916 or contact one of the following individuals:

- Mr. Martinez (Principal/Director) caz.martinez@lasmontanashigh.com
 - Mrs. Dunbar (School Counselor) kim.dunbar@lasmontanashigh.com
 - Ms. Gonzalez (Registrar/Attendance) j.gonzalez@lasmontanashigh.com
 - Ms. Parker (Instruction) valery.ratliff-parker@lasmontanashigh.com
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- *School closure office hours are 8:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday during the school closure and distance learning period.*