



ÉLAN ACADEMY

Dear Élan Academy Families,

Élan Academy Charter School has been closely monitoring all developments related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on our community. We are committed to taking all the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the well-being of our students, teachers, and staff.

Today, we learned that Élan Academy along with all other NOLA public schools are required to close starting on Monday, March 16, 2020. Families should be prepared for Élan Academy to be closed for a minimum 4 weeks, per the direction of our Governor. We will continue to work closely with NOLA Public Schools, state, and local officials for updates and guidance on when to reopen school. The decision to close school is an extremely difficult one. We know that closing school places a heavy burden on families and that this will greatly impact our students. Élan Academy has been preparing diligently for this moment to make sure students and families are supported through this time:

- **DISTANCE LEARNING:** We have created instructional plans that will allow meaningful, relevant learning to take place for our students.
 - All students have received login information for both our online platforms (Lexia for reading, Dreambox for math). We ask that students continue to read 20 minutes a night and log the reading during this time.
 - Please complete homework for this weekend.
 - **For our 3rd and 4th grade students, we will implement Google Classroom for math and ELA assignments.**
 - **Follow these directions: Class work will begin on Monday.**
 - Type in the Google Classroom Weblink: <https://classroom.google.com/>
 - Sign-in with an email address.
 - Click the + sign at the top right of the screen to join your class.
 - Enter the class code that matches your grade level.
 - 3rd Grade: gtpfrum
 - 4th Grade: mjl73sr
- **FOOD SERVICE:** We are in communication with NOLA Public Schools on finalizing a plan for continuing meal service for students who qualify. We will be following up with families to share the details of this program early next week.
- **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**
 - Absences will NOT be counted against our students.

While the school is closed, our custodial team will take all steps necessary to conduct a deep cleaning and disinfection of the building. Specific emphasis will be placed on frequently touched surfaces, such as bathrooms, water coolers, desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones and toys.



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For the latest information and resources on COVID-19, families are encouraged to visit:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- City of New Orleans: [ready.nola.gov](https://www.ready.nola.gov)
- NOLA Public Schools: [nolapublicschools.com/coronavirus-updates](https://www.nolapublicschools.com/coronavirus-updates)

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to making the safety of our students, staff, and school community a priority.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Askew at 504-326-0079.

Thank you,

Ms. Askew
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