

Learning Continuity:

Assurance for Continued Academic Progress of Your Students
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PCS Learning Continuity Plan

The purpose of this plan is to provide details and next steps in the event that students cannot safely access the traditional brick and mortar school environment. If such an occasion were to arise, we are prepared to "virtually" bring school to students! PCS courses and supplemental learning resources, loaded to the myLearning and myPascoConnect platforms, will provide quick and efficient access to online course materials to support instruction. Your student will be able to access all resources based on their school schedule. Our teachers will use this system and curriculum to continue to monitor student learning and provide feedback around learning progress.

What is PCS Learning Continuity?

As a school district, we always want to be prepared for possible events and situations that may lead to school closures. PCS Learning Continuity offers a quick and effective way to shift students from a traditional learning environment to a virtual learning environment, in the case of a school closure, individual or group quarantine or other unforeseen circumstances. The plan below provides details for **short-** and **long-**term closures due to weather related events, pandemics or other environmental disasters that render brick and mortar facilities out of use. Additionally, when sickness or disaster hits, PCS Learning Continuity can keep students on track, from wherever they are! PCS Learning Continuity is a completely scalable system that can meet your student's needs and can provide classroom access to standards-based content. As a result, teachers can easily and effectively guide students in the virtual environment, should the need arise.

What can PCS Short-Term Learning Continuity provide?



For periods of time between 5-15 days, we have a Short-term Learning Plan for our students. This will help keep them engaged in learning and in a learning routine while away from school.

- Immediate access to online digital resources in myPascoConnect for academic continuity and supplemental classroom instruction for teachers and/or students.
- Recommended daily routine for core subject areas as well as physical education and electives.
- The ability to securely deliver all student learning content using a single username and password in our myPascoConnect and myLearning Platforms.
- Access to additional learning tools, platforms and resources that will keep students engaged in their education while at home.
- For elementary students, daily access to a grade level teacher to lead learning routines and engagement at home. Secondary students have access to 24/7 SmartThinking Tutoring services which they can access directly in their myLearning courses.

What can PCS Long-Term Learning Continuity provide?

16+
School
Days

For periods of time over 16 days, we have a Long-term Learning Plan for students. This will help keep them engaged in learning and in a learning routine while away from school.

- Academic continuity for students with an online curriculum in an easy to navigate environment.
- Frequent and regular access to teachers via messaging in myLearning and on-going grading, feedback and learning check-ins.
- Rapid transition from the traditional school to a complete virtual environment for one or all of your students, depending on the need.
- Immediate access to online course content for core classroom instruction for teachers and/or students.
- Curriculum that is mapped to standards not yet covered in this school year to keep students on track and on pace for continued coursework and learning.
- The ability to securely deliver all student learning content using a single username and password in our myPascoConnect and myLearning Platforms.
- Grade appropriate instruction delivered through myLearning courses for core content subjects and select electives.
- Access to additional learning tools, platforms and resources that will keep students engaged in their education while at home.
- For elementary students, daily access to a grade level teacher to lead learning routines and engagement at home. Secondary students have access to 24/7 SmartThinking Tutoring services which they can access directly in their myLearning courses.



Short-Term Learning Model *Short-Term Closure or school related absence (7-10 days)*

Elementary School Student	Middle School Student	High School Student
Recommended Daily Routine for Learning.	Recommended Daily Routine for Learning.	Recommended Daily Routine for Learning.
Use of myPascoConnect learning tools in student launchpad.	Use of myPascoConnect learning tools in student launchpad.	Use of myPascoConnect learning tools in student launchpad.
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Score and grade any outstanding student work.	Score and grade any outstanding student work.	Score and grade any outstanding student work.
Post grades to myStudent.	Post grades to myStudent.	Post grades to myStudent.
Engage in PD to learn and prepare for virtual teaching.	Engage in PD to learn and prepare for virtual teaching.	Engage in PD to learn and prepare for virtual teaching.

Short-Term Recommended Daily Routine for Students

Time	Activity	Description
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Wake-Up and Get Ready	Eat breakfast, brush teeth, pick-up
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Morning Wellness and Refresh	Outdoor activity, exercise, mindfulness/goal setting
10:00-11:30 a.m.	Academic Time	Independent Reading (books, magazines, etc.), puzzles, flashcards, games
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Creative Time	Draw, sing, dance, etc. Have fun!
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Rest	Eat a healthy lunch and enjoy some fresh air
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Academic Time-Electronics and Digital Resources	Log in to myPascoConnect and spend time in the learning apps for your grade level
3:00-4:30 p.m.	Afternoon Wellness and Refresh	Outdoor activities-games, sports, exercise, etc.
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Chores and Chill Time	Help around the house, clean your room and disinfect all spaces you have used for the day
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Eat a healthy dinner
7:00-8:30 p.m.	TV and Free Time	Relax and enjoy time with your loved ones
8:30-9:30 p.m.	Prepare for Bed	Brush your teeth, wash your face and complete your regular routine

Long-Term Closure *Long-Term Closure or school related absence (21+ days)*

Sample Distance Learning Schedule: Elementary Schools

Students learn at different paces, but it is a good idea to have plans in place for daily routines and schedules so that students stay on track with their course work. Here are some important guidelines and reminders as families develop their daily routines.

- **120 minutes of daily English Language Arts (reading and writing)**
- **90 minutes of daily Math**
- **60 minutes of Science or Social Studies daily**
- **60 minutes of daily Physical Education and Activity**
- **Unstructured play and breaks from devices are important and should be a regular part of the daily routine (minimum 30 minutes per day)**

Sample Distance Learning Schedule: Middle Schools

Students learn at different paces, but it is a good idea to have plans in place for daily routines and schedules so that students stay on track with their course work. Here are some important guidelines and reminders as families develop their daily routines.

- **Plan for 300 minutes per course per week**
- **May be structured based on the needs of each student**
 - **50 minutes per day or**
 - **In chunks of time throughout the week**
- **Note that students will complete online and offline activities in order to meet these guidelines**
- **Physical activity and breaks from devices are important and should be a part of the daily routine**

Sample Distance Learning Schedule: High Schools

Students learn at different paces, but it is a good idea to have plans in place for daily routines and schedules so that students stay on track with their course work. Here are some important guidelines and reminders as families develop their daily routines.

- **Plan for 300 minutes per course per week**
- **May be structured based on the needs of each student**
 - **50 minutes per day or**
 - **In chunks of time throughout the week**
- **Note that students will complete online and offline activities in order to meet these guidelines**
- **Physical activity and breaks from devices are important and should be a part of the daily routine**

Long-Term Learning Model *Long-Term Closure (3+ weeks)*

Elementary School Student	Middle School Student	High School Student
Core Subjects: myLearning Courses in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies Electives: • Physical Education (PE) 30 minutes daily-log submitted via myLearning • Art/Music 2x per week Supplemental Learning: • 30 minutes math practice • 30 minutes daily independent reading (books or digital tools) • 30 minutes daily writing practice	Core Subjects: myLearning Courses in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies CTE: • Daily 60 minutes if enrolled in CTE coursework Electives: • Physical Education (PE) 60 minutes daily-log submitted via myLearning • Art/Music 2x per week Supplemental Learning: • 30 minutes daily independent reading (books or digital tools) • 30 minutes daily writing practice	Core Subjects: myLearning Courses in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies CTE: • Daily 60 minutes if enrolled in CTE coursework Electives: • Physical Education (PE) 60 minutes daily-log submitted via myLearning • Art/Music 2x per week Supplemental Learning: • 30 minutes daily independent reading (books or digital tools) • 30 minutes daily writing practice
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
MyLearning course curriculum provided Moderate learning, provide feedback and connect with students about learning progress.	MyLearning course curriculum provided Moderate learning, provide feedback and connect with students about learning progress.	MyLearning course curriculum provided Moderate learning, provide feedback and connect with students about learning progress.



The following table provides a list of Elementary and Secondary applications that are available to Pasco County School students via our Single Sign On portal, myPascoConnect.

Elementary Resources		
All Areas	The myLearning logo is a circular icon with a red top half and a green bottom half. The word 'my' is in white on the red background, and 'Learning' is in white on the green background. A small lightbulb icon is in the top right of the circle.	myLearning (Canvas) is Pasco County's Learning Management System.
All Areas	The Office 365 logo is a red square with a white stylized 'O' inside.	Office 365 provides online versions of the popular Microsoft Office productivity suite, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, as well as Sway an interactive lesson builder, and easy file sharing and storage with OneDrive.
English Language Arts (ELA)	The Lexia Core5 Reading logo is a blue square with the word 'CORE5' in white, stylized letters.	Lexia® Core5® Reading is an adaptive blended learning program that accelerates the development of literacy skills for students of all abilities, helping them make that critical shift from learning to read to reading to learn.
English Language Arts (ELA)	The HMH Into Reading Ed logo features a yellow smiley face with a lightbulb inside, followed by the word 'Ed' in a stylized, rounded font.	HMH Into Reading™ is differentiated by design to offer a balanced approach to literacy instruction, support teachers in developing a culture of learning and growth, and help all learners believe in the power of "I can."
Math	The Great Minds logo is a red square with the words 'GREAT MINDS' in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.	Eureka Math in Sync is built to be flexible in today's fluid learning environment, allowing you to access all the Eureka Math resources you need, anytime, anywhere. Featuring digestible video lessons and downloadable and fillable PDFs, Eureka Math in Sync makes toggling between home and the classroom seamless.
Math	The Zearn logo is a blue stylized 'Z' followed by the word 'EARN' in yellow, all-caps, sans-serif font.	Zearn unites hands-on instruction and immersive digital learning which is aligned to Eureka Math and intended to supplement learning.
Music	The Quaver logo is a green, stylized letter 'Q' with a black outline and a small black dot in the center.	Quaver provides our students with Music resources online.

Elementary Resources *(continued)*

Science



Discovery Education's Techbook Digital Textbook contains standards-based content to help students learn their science standards and gives them access to contents that are relevant, dynamic, and carefully vetted.

Discovery Streaming offers engaging curriculum and standards-related videos, images, sounds, music, articles, speeches, and lessons that can be used alone or as resources for larger multimedia projects.

Social Emotional Learning



EverFI provides unrivaled cloud-based digital social studies courses to our students.

Social Studies



The DBQ Project builds on students' curiosity and increases motivation and confidence to answer a compelling, authentic question.



Secondary Resources

All Areas



myLearning (Canvas) is Pasco County's Learning Management System.

All Areas



Office 365 provides online versions of the popular Microsoft Office productivity suite, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, as well as Sway an interactive lesson builder, and easy file sharing and storage with OneDrive.

All Areas



Discovery Education (DE) Streaming offers engaging curriculum and standards-related videos, images, sounds, music, articles, speeches, and lessons that can be used alone or as resources for larger multimedia projects.

Career
Exploration



MyCareerShines is a comprehensive education and career planning system that will help you succeed in the increasingly competitive global economy.

ELA



Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® accelerates literacy gains for students in grades 6–12 who are at risk of not meeting College- and Career-Ready Standards.

English
Language Arts
(ELA)



ConnectED/McGraw-Hill is a robust toolkit of learning resources designed with the flexibility to unlock the potential of a diverse student population for ELA in grades 6-10.

Financial
Literacy &
SEL



EVERFI provides unrivaled cloud-based digital social studies courses to our students.

Mathematics



Savvas is the online destination for standards-aligned content for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.

Social Studies



National Geographic Cengage Learning brings the world to the classroom with engaging digital and instructional curriculum for Social Studies.

Secondary Resources *(continued)*

Social Studies



National Geographic myNG Connect is your one-stop portal for online materials available with your favorite National Geographic Learning instructional programs.

Social Studies



TCI provides an interactive social studies textbook that engages our students more than ever before.

Computer and Tablet Device Distribution



This program is designed for parents and students who do not have access to mobile devices at home.

We have a limited number of devices, and our goal is to put needed devices in the hands of students who need them. The content that is being developed is designed to work on a multitude of digital devices, so parents should only check-out a device from us if their student has no other reliable way to access digital content from home.

For households with multiple children, **we are recommending that initial checkout of 1 device for every 2 children.** Should we have devices remaining after Monday's initial check-out, we can review family needs for additional devices.

Devices can only be issued to enrolled students in our system, and device check-out must occur at the school in which your child is enrolled. To reduce the potential for crowds, a schedule for check-out will be communicated to parents by the home school.

While high school students will be permitted to check-out a device on their own, a parent will be required to check-out a device for all middle and elementary school students. Please note, that **all check-outs will require acknowledgement of the District's acceptable use and loss/damage policies prior to devices being provided.** Parents of charter school students should refer to communications from their individual school regarding student devices and distance learning.

Any parent or student needing to come on campus to check-out a device for their student should practice the social distancing practices recommended by the CDC to the maximum extent possible.

We will provide a one-page Quick Start Guide for Distance Learning to parents at the time of check-out.

These links can be used to access student content and set up parent accounts:

Accessing Your Digital Resources Through myPascoConnect - Students: <https://bit.ly/2UjoNCN>

How to set up your myLearning parent "observer" account - Parents: <https://bit.ly/33GLELz>

Internet Service

Charter Spectrum is offering free Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. Wi-Fi hotspots across Spectrum's footprint will also be available for public use.

Other service providers, including AT&T, CenturyLink, Comcast, Cox Communications, Google Fiber, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon have agreed that for the next 60 days they will open Wi-Fi hotspots to all Americans who need them, not terminate any services to residential or small business customers who can't pay their bills due to complications from the pandemic, and also waive any late fees those customers might incur due to economic disruptions prompted by the coronavirus.

Communication Structures



Families will receive communication from their student's school including information about emergency procedures, (ie- quarantine, school closure for weather, etc.) how to access learning from home and what to expect during the length of the absence. Additional parent information, resources and tips for "Learning from Home" will be accessible through social media, email and our district website.

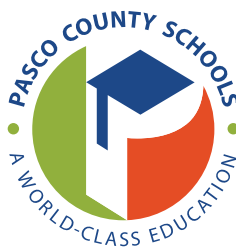
Teacher Training and Support



On-going training and support is offered to all instructional staff on myLearning and other digital tools and resources. Staff can access training courses in myLearning titled Growing with Canvas to prepare for on-line instruction. Additional professional learning can be found in the myPGS Professional Learning Catalog found on myPascoConnect.

Academic Continuity Framework for Learning

	Students	Instructional Staff
Stage I School is Open. Business as usual	Lessons and exams as normal, can experience some blended learning with use of PCS Learning Continuity as supplement in class. Participate in an e-school day or week to “practice” for disaster situation.	Instruction provided as normal, supplement normal classroom instruction digital content and myLearning course interaction to learn content, platform and expose students to new learning opportunities. Participate in an e-school day or week to “practice” for disaster situation.
Stage II School is Open. Select personnel absent, guest teachers support.	Lessons and exams as normal, can experience some blended learning with use of PCS Learning Continuity as supplement in class. Participate in an e-school day or week to “practice” for disaster situation.	Instruction provided as normal, supplement normal classroom instruction with PCS Learning Continuity content to learn content and platform and expose students to new learning opportunities.
Stage III Short-Term Learning Plan.	Short-Term Learning Continuity Plan Implemented 7-10 days missed instruction Learning routine suggested with access to myPascoConnect digital tools and resources.	Teachers provide instruction for students using PCS Learning Continuity Plan, also utilize communication plan: phone, conference calls, webinars.* Skeletal staff model implemented if necessary.
Stage IV Long-Term Learning Plan.	Long-Term Learning Continuity Plan Implemented Extended closure 10+ days Learning only via remote access for students from various locations, including homes; all students provided access via a login, includes learning platform and content, exams/assessments, teacher interaction, grading, etc. myLearning Courses provided for all students in core content and select electives. Content mapped to current pacing to include standards and topics not yet covered. Discussion boards, email, phone and phone conversations and webinars* to enhance instruction when possible.	Teachers provide full-day instruction and support for students using PCS Learning Continuity using myLearning courses, also utilize communication plan: phone, conference calls, webinars.* Teachers enrolled in large course with all students from school and level enrolled. Teacher teams coordinate and establish schedule and routine for monitoring student work and learning progress.



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