

Family FAQs for SchoolsPLP:

- 1. Is it possible for parents to receive notifications if their child is falling behind, or not logging in to do the work?**
Parents are able to log in to SchoolsPLP to track their child's progress whenever they would like. Teachers will be contacting families and students on a consistent basis and will communicate with the parents/guardian when a child is falling behind or not understanding the content.
- 2. Can a student fall short on the work on Monday, then do it on Tuesday, and be caught up in the system?**
Yes.
- 3. Can a completed assignment be accessed again, later in the future for parents to view their child's work?**
At the login page, click the box marked "Log in as Parent." You can view your child's stats and see their assignments, and it won't count toward a student's login time.
- 4. Are students doing live meetings with the teacher and other students?**
There will be opportunities for live virtual meetings to address social emotional needs. Additional information will be coming out shortly on this.
- 5. Can students do the work on paper, but still get the credit in SchoolsPLP?**
Yes. Any work completed in hard copy will need to be scanned and emailed to the teacher so it can be entered into the system.
- 6. Are there any pre-assessments that happen before a student gets into the content?**
SchoolsPLP starts with content. There are not any pre-assessments built into the SchoolsPLP curriculum. The work throughout the year will be adjusted per the student's progress.
- 7. If a parent feels that their child should start out right away with below/above level grade content, and the case manager agrees... is this an option?**
All students start with and must have grade level material. This is just like in the regular classroom setting. If remediation or enrichment/extension is needed, it will be in the form of additional lessons through BrightThinker and SchoolsPLP that address the gaps or needs of the child. If a child has special education services or needs, these will be addressed per the student's IEP and through the case manager, which is different from the SchoolsPLP instructor.
- 8. Will live instruction be done with the PLP teacher or SchoolsPLP? Can live instruction be requested?**
There is no live instruction for reading, math, science, or social studies with SchoolsPLP like you would see in the virtual setting. If a student needs help or would like additional instruction support, a meeting may be arranged with the teacher to have a Google Meets to help assist with the content.
- 9. If families do their own science kits or science work at home, can they present evidence (photos or video) of the work, and not do the PLP science curriculum?**
Students are enrolled in a science class through SchoolsPLP. There are state mandated standards that need to be met for particular grade levels, which the SchoolsPLP curriculum follows. If you have questions about alternate experiments, please connect with your child's teacher to determine if it is an appropriate substitution.
- 10. Are there going to be packets available for students to work on, especially if they need to work on their handwriting?**
Packets for Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies are only available if families do not have access to the internet. These are requested through the specific building the student is assigned to. No, there will not be handwriting practice but is encouraged to work on at home if needed.
- 11. Is it possible for "online only" students to download the PE or Music videos (classes) from their school?**
Yes. More information will be coming out shortly regarding how these will be accessed.

12. What will taking attendance look like? If a student finishes all work at the beginning of the week, will that count as the full week of attendance or do they still need to log in each day?

Attendance in Distance Learning will be taken on a 24-hour basis, beginning at the start of the school day, Monday-Friday. Wednesday is optional for elementary school students. Students are expected to log into SchoolsPLP and turn in completed assignments on time. Attendance will be tracked through the student's participation by working in the SchoolsPLP platform, submitting the associated work for the class/course, or interacting with the teacher through email, phone, or ParentSquare. It is recommended that students complete one lesson a day in each subject area to stay on track.

We understand families have different needs and schedules during this time. While there technically is no real consequence of not meeting the state's attendance requirements, we expect students to work on their SchoolsPLP lessons and complete assignments within the timeline designated by the teacher. We want to ensure our students are engaged in the learning process and growing at a rate they are capable of.

If you have concerns about the attendance expectations, please connect with your child's teacher or principal to ensure we can partner with you in the best way possible to help your child succeed.

13. How many lessons are assigned for students each week? Is it 4 lessons from each subject?

It is recommended that students do a lesson a day in each of the content areas (sixteen total lessons on a weekly basis).

14. Are SchoolsPLP students having a 'soft start' the first week of school as well, or are we assigning a full week's worth of lessons?

Students are starting on the 21st of September with SchoolsPLP lessons. If modifications are needed, contact your SchoolsPLP teacher.

15. Are all of the SchoolsPLP assignments graded by the computer, or will the teachers do any of the grading?

Grading of assignments and assessments will be completed by both the teacher and the SchoolsPLP system.

16. Will there be any small group lessons or additional help for students that have a 504 or IEP, in which they require additional assistance outside the standard classroom or lessons?

Students receiving special education or 504 support will be contacted by their case manager regarding services.

17. Can families get printed versions of the course parent guides?

Parents can access the parent guides online. Printed copies will only be provided if a family does not have access to the internet.