



Southmoreland School District 2020-2021 Instructional Fact Sheet



Alternating Day (A/B) Model

The Alternating A/B Model provides students with in person instruction and the opportunity to participate with their teacher and classmates in group discussions, apply problem solving skills, complete exploratory learning opportunities, engage creatively in the subject matter, and other higher order thinking tasks.

During “Distance Learning Days” students will be assigned teacher created content that is a continuation of Southmoreland curriculum and aligned with PA state standards. These tasks include: observe a teacher recorded lecture, complete reading assignments, practice rote skills, and other coordinated activities.

Full-Time Distance Learning

Grades K-8 will have a designated teacher per grade/course assigned as our “Distance Educator.” This teacher will only manage the educational programming of students participating exclusively from home for K-5, and 6-8 teachers will have designated virtual teaching periods.. This instruction will align with district curriculum and keep pace with instruction going on in the brick-and-mortar setting. Instruction will be provided via Zoom/Google Meets, online access to curricular materials, virtual assignments/assessments, and daily teacher feedback.

Grades 9-12 will be enrolled in the Southmoreland Online Academy (SOLA) through the IU eAcademy. This is facilitated by WIU7 and offers courses developed by teachers from across the county and is more closely aligned to Southmoreland curriculum than other cyber options..

Special Education

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) have the opportunity to attend 5 days per week. These decisions will be made by IEP Teams prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Professional Development

To provide the highest quality educational programming, teachers are being certified as Level 1 - Google Educators, receiving specialized consultation and training from national experts, and participating in additional in-service days at the start of the school year.

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IN AUGUST TO IDENTIFY THE SELECTION FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)