

Insight School of MN  
Distance Learning Plan – March 2020

Insight School of MN (ISMN) is an online school option for students in grades 6-12 who reside in Minnesota. When MN schools open on Monday, March 30, 2020, with “Distance Learning,” operations at ISMN will continue as they were, since the beginning of the school year. At ISMN, we will still be utilizing the student and teacher handbooks as the guide since the online school can implement a fully online instructional model. The ISMN 2019-20 Student/Parent Handbook can be found at <https://mn.insightschools.net/who-we-are/school-resources.html>

The teachers and other ISMN staff will be working their normal hours (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM), although, as we found at ISMN, the Learning Coach becomes a vital link between home and school for their student. The teachers will be providing the instruction and materials as defined in the ISMN Student/Parent Handbook. If a Learning Coach has a question, they, like their student, can reach out to the teacher in multiple ways as outlined in this handbook.

**Schedule and Teaching Adjustments Due To Changes in The Home:**

Many of the ISMN families have experienced changes in their homes due to the numerous closures around MN and the country. Many of the ISMN teachers and other staff are experiencing similar changes. To accommodate those changes, minor adjustments may be made for the final quarter of the school year to when students have their live instruction times and adjustment to teaching methods such as the teacher providing a recording and/or pausing a live lesson to work with their own family.

Please be patient with the ISMN staff as they adjust to changes in their homes. The ISMN staff is dedicated to each student’s educational journey and will provide the best possible educational setting for the final 10 weeks of the school year.

**Special Education, 504, and English Language Learners:**

Insight School of Minnesota is committed to ensuring that all students in Special Programs continue to receive equitable access to general education, specialized instruction, accommodations, and support so they can continue to demonstrate progress toward the general education standards and individual goals as determined by the student’s IEP, Section 504 Plan or English Learner Plan.

Students in special programs will continue to have a case manager and/or other staff member revising, monitoring, and implementing their individualized plan as needed. Related services will be provided in the virtual environment, as appropriate. Those students that need in-person services will meet with their IEP team to determine the base way to meet the student needs, including compensatory services, as appropriate. Please reach out to that assigned staff member or teacher if you have questions about your student’s IEP or individualized plan.

**Student Support:**

The staff at INMN are here to support all enrolled students. Students and/or their Learning Coach are welcome to contact their advisor or our Counselor at the number listed below if in need of additional help.

Samantha Etim, ISMN Counselor (763-656-2800 ext. 2004)

Alysia Halverson, Advisor Grades 8-10 (763-656-2800 ext. 2003)

Mollie Ostrow, Advisor Grades 6 and 12 (763-656-2800 ext. 3037)

Grace Mustafa, Advisor Grades 7, 11 and 12 (763-656-2800 ext. 3005)