

## Instruction and Technology

### **Virtual Learning**

For the first six to nine weeks of school, starting August 31, 2020, all students will engage in remote/virtual learning. Teachers will be in their classrooms daily, accessing the technology and materials in order to create lessons, assignments and assessments. The teachers will conduct virtual lessons with their students, meet with the whole class using Microsoft Teams or meet in small groups as well. All core subjects will be taught daily along with FAST classes (PE, Music, Art, Computer Science, Video Production, Launch and PLTW). Virtual learning will continue until it is deemed appropriate for students to safely return to school for face-to-face instruction.

All students are required to attend live, online class meetings throughout the day. Students are required to be online and connected by webcam and microphone at set times. Students will follow a specific daily schedule. They will also be required to work independently on class assignments. Teachers will determine which assignments will be expected to be turned in for grading. On a daily basis teachers and support staff will have office time to support students on a one-on-one basis to explain, reteach or enrich student learning and understanding.

### **Virtual instructional method:**

Students will begin the day with a class meeting where their teacher will facilitate group discussions. Direct instruction will occur through live mini-lessons, no more than fifteen minutes in duration, followed by students working independently on class assignments as teachers meet with small groups of students on-line. At the end of the day, teachers will be available to provide one-on-one instruction to students. Students or their parents who need the additional time, will need to sign-up for a 15-minute time slot at the end of the day, designated as “office time” for teachers.

### **Platform for learning:**

Every student in need will be assigned a laptop or tablet. Students in grades first through eighth will be assigned a laptop and K4 and K5 students will be assigned a tablet. A hotspot and internet access will be made available for who do not have access to the internet.

La Causa Charter School will use Microsoft Teams to disseminate classroom assignments and engage in virtual learning sessions with teachers, as well as daily class meetings. Students will log in to Microsoft Team to access all curricular areas. Students will engage in one lesson of math per day. Literacy is based on the balanced literacy framework which includes whole group, small group, and independent learning daily. Teachers will provide daily mini-lessons in a direct instruction format to the whole class on-line.

### **Grading:**

Students will receive a grade for work completed online. Teachers will track all completed assignments through Microsoft Teams. Students will complete on-going assessment, regular end-of-unit assessments and benchmark assessments throughout the year to measure