



UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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SCHOOL OPERATING LEVELS FOR 20/21

Union Local School District will be operating under a level, color coded system:

- **GREEN:** All students will report to campus 5 days a week
- **YELLOW:** Remote Learning: Students will report to campus in smaller, controlled groups.
- **RED:** No Students will report to campus. Staff ONLY will be on campus.

LEARNING OPTIONS @ UNION LOCAL

Union Local will be providing parents two educational options for their children:

1. On-Line Learning
2. In Person/Remote Learning (This may involve a blended approach with direct instruction on campus as well as on-line learning using Google as our main platform.)

Below is some information explaining both of these educational options.

ONLINE LEARNING OPTION

In order to ensure that your child receives a **quality** education that is reflective of the guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Education, the Union Local School District wants to make sure that parents understand the concept and features of our on-line learning option. Prior to selecting on-line learning, please review the information below:

- Students grades K-2 who participate in on-line instruction from a ULSD teacher using district approved curriculum.
- Students grades 3-12 who participate in on-line learning will receive their education through OdysseyWare, which is an online learning platform.
<https://www.odysseyware.com/>
- Students will work from home regardless of the level under which the district is operating
- Students will be expected to complete the 9 week assignments on Odysseyware.
Students will NOT be permitted to modify their educational platform until the end of the 9 weeks.

WHAT IS ODYSSEYWARE?

<https://globalstudentnetwork.com/what-is-odysseyware/>:

Odysseyware is an online learning platform for students in grades 3-12 used in schools and by homeschool families. Odysseyware is student-paced and mastery-based and with limited teacher interaction.

Odysseyware has separate online courses for each subject your child must complete. For example, if your child is in 7th grade, he/she will have separate science, social studies, math, and language arts courses that are similar to UL's in-person courses.

“Mastery-based” means the student must show they understand one concept before moving to the next. This approach prevents learning gaps and ensures thorough learning. In practical terms, a student has to achieve a 70% on lessons and quizzes before he/she can move on to the next set of lessons and quizzes.

IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND....

Odysseyware is rigorous. Odysseyware lessons contain some videos and limited hands on assignments but also require a considerable amount of reading (or text read to the student). Hence, your child will be required to read and comprehend a lot of academic material.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED FROM MY CHILD:

- Students will need to log in and complete their work daily. Students will need to complete a minimum of 26 hours a week in order to meet the state's on-line learning requirements.
- We expect academic integrity, with students completing the lessons, quizzes and tests on their own. We understand that parents may help but the work is to be a reflection of the student's academic ability and not the parent's.
- Students will be expected to maintain on-going communication with the teacher assigned to your student.
- Odysseyware assignments will need to be completed independently.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Odysseyware does NOT modify its content for the individual learner. Students are assigned grade-level assignments. If your child is enrolled in the 4th grade, your child will be assigned work aligned to the 4th grade standards.
- Odysseyware is student paced, mastery based, and with limited teacher interaction.

IF ONLINE LEARNING ISN'T THE BEST FIT FOR YOUR CHILD... IN PERSON LEARNING WITH SOME REMOTE LEARNING

Online learning is not for all students. In fact, if your child struggles with staying focused, being motivated and on task, or has difficulty with processing and/or comprehending information, online learning may prove to be very difficult for your child. For this reason, the majority of students tend to be more successful in a structured environment where they have ample interaction with teachers and their peers.

If we are not able to safely attend campus and operate under **GREEN**, we will evaluate the current pandemic statistics and either operate under **YELLOW** or **RED**. When operating under **YELLOW** or **RED**, Union Local will be offering remote learning opportunities with a blended learning approach. **Students will have daily access to their teachers. Teachers will be holding live lessons as well as posting recorded videos and resources to assist your child with learning grade-level content. There will be weekly communication opportunities for students with their teachers.** In summary, those students who choose to participate in remote learning will be participating in a blended learning concept where they will be receiving face to face instruction as well as working on lessons at home through google classroom.

SELECTING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION OPTION

PLEASE let your child's building principal know if you are electing to sign your child up for ON-LINE LEARNING by August 7, 2020. You will need to complete the form below titled, **Union Local School District 2020-2021 Online Learning Declaration**, and submit it to your child's building principal no later than Friday, August 7, 2020. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



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Union Local School District 2020-2021 Online Learning Declaration

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____ 20-21 Grade Level _____

Parent-Student Declaration Online Learning Option

You have elected online learning for your child for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to ensure that your child receives a quality education that is reflective of the guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Education, you must agree to the following **(Due to school district by August 7, 2020):**

I, parent/guardian of _____ have elected to enroll my child(ren) in the online learning program with the Union Local School District for the 2020-2021 school year. This program of learning was created as a result of the COVID-19 virus pandemic and may not be an option in future school years.

I agree to the following and will participate as outlined below, or my child will be expected to be in attendance at school in person for the 2020-2021 school year (please initial next to each item):

- I/My child will participate in an orientation that will include training on technology.
- My child will meet the grade level attendance and seat time expectations as outlined for his/her specific grade level.
- I will secure access to reliable internet and ensure that it is maintained through the period of remote learning.
- I am liable for any damage that occurs to the school-issued device and will pay for the repair or replacement to ensure that my child can meet his/her learning goals.
- I understand that grading, assessment and reporting policies are consistent with in-person instruction.
- I understand that I am only able to modify my choice at the end of each 9-weeks grading period.
- I understand that if my child receives special education-related services that they will be provided within the school day hours. These services will either be provided virtually or on campus.

Parent Signature and Date: _____