

FORT BRADEN SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This year will be a unique school year for all of us, but our goal of developing well-rounded students academically, socially, and emotionally has not changed. We worked hard this summer developing plans to keep students safe and create a learning environment that best supports the needs of our students and families. More than ever, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this school year.

According to our records, you have chosen the Digital Academy for instruction in the fall semester. In order to prepare for this school year, we ask that you review the information below and discuss some of these specifics with your child. If you have any questions, please contact our main office.

- Each digital academy student will take classes online through Canvas, utilizing their district provided Chromebook provided to students in grades K-8. Digital academy students will receive a deployment schedule to receive their Chromebooks at the beginning of the school year and will keep their Chromebook at home.

- A representative from the district will contact any family that designated internet concerns on their commitment survey and provide any available resources.

- While the Chromebook will utilize Leon County School's filters and is set up for educational use, the Chromebook and it's usage at home are the parent's responsibility.

- Instruction for Digital Academy students will take place online primarily with teachers from Fort Braden. The daily rigor and work expected in Digital Academy will be the same with Face to Face expectations. Students will participate in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, and Art instruction. This will include teaching modules, assignments, and assessments.

- Teachers will provide instruction and intervention/ enrichments weekly. There will be no paper packets offered for the Digital Academy. Teachers will be mindful of screen time for students enrolled in the Digital Academy.

- A daily schedule for the Digital Academy will be provided which will include live instruction and indirect instruction. Teachers and students will keep traditional school day hours for the live instruction component of digital learning. The grading process will not change from the traditional Leon County School's model. **Attendance will also be recorded based on student participation and Leon County's procedures for non-attendance will apply.**

- ESE/Gifted services will continue for digital academy students. The appropriate teachers will contact families when school begins.

- Leon County Schools has created a resource page for parents and students in the Digital Academy. We encourage you to watch the modules on this page, which is located at <https://www.leonschools.net/Page/48748>, prior to the start of the school year.

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We look forward to another great school year at Fort Braden and will continue to communicate any updates and resources to you as the school year approaches. While we will not hold a traditional orientation prior to the start of school, all teachers will reach out to our families prior to school beginning to answer any questions and explain first week procedures. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Jimbo Jackson

Principal
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