

School Reopening Plan 2020-21

Dual Language Immersion

As you aware from district communications, Nebo District is planning on welcoming students back this fall for school. We have focused the majority of our resources and efforts towards having all students receive At-School Learning which includes face-to-face instruction, at school, every day. We also recognize this approach may not work for some of our students. Therefore, we will also offer Remote Learning for those who need it.

The majority of our teachers will be providing face-to-face instruction. Some teachers will be tasked with providing and supporting Remote Learning for families who prefer this option. It is not viable for a teacher to provide face-to-face instruction and remote learning instruction from an employment standpoint, each is a full-time job in itself. This places dual language immersion (DLI) students who opt for remote learning in a unique position as the remote learning teachers will not be able to instruct students in the target language, remote learning instruction will occur in English and cover core subjects only. We would love to provide remote learning in target languages, but the candid answer is there simply are not “extra” target language teachers certified with dual-language credentials available. As well, you have likely heard on the news about President Trump’s recent executive order stopping a variety of visas for foreign workers, this directly affects DLI programs throughout the state. Utah is facing a significant shortage of target language teachers.

Our target language teachers’ priorities will be with in-person instruction. However, we are committed to supporting students in DLI knowing that there are limitations with resources. Students that choose the Remote Learning option because it aligns best with their family needs will be supported in the following ways.

- Currently enrolled students in DLI programs will have their seat/spot held for the 2020-21 school year. This includes first graders who have been accepted into the program but not yet started our language program.
- When possible and as resources are available, we will provide digital resources to support students in the target language.
- Students will have access to all online classroom programs available to in-person students (i.e. Mandarin Matrix).
- A connection to the class through Zoom or other online platforms once a week (each teacher will designate a day and time that remote learning students in that grade can join the class for language exposure).

Thank you for your continued support of our district DLI programs. We sincerely appreciate all of the families we work with and value your efforts in helping us navigate through these particularly unique circumstances.