



# ROCKFORD LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

### 2020-2021 @HOME PROGRAM FAQ

#### **When will the school year begin for @Home students?**

The first day of school for @Home students will be Wednesday, August 26.

#### **When will the school year end for @Home students?**

Finals for @Home students will be Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2 (following Memorial Day Weekend). The last day of school for @Home students will be Wednesday, June 2.

#### **When will @Home students receive their materials?**

Materials needed to support online instruction will be passed out at Back to School Registration Day on Monday, August 17 from 9 am – 12 pm.

#### **How will students access their @Home instruction?**

All Junior/Senior High @Home curriculum will be delivered via a personalized online Canvas dashboard. New Rockford Lutheran students should have already received their Skyward and Canvas login information. Returning students will use their existing Skyward and Canvas logins.

#### **What is the policy for accessing and turning in work each day?**

One week of lessons will be released at a time.

- Students enrolled in the @Home Assist program must meet the deadlines stated in the course. If they are unable to do this, they must communicate with their @Home Instructor.
- Students enrolled in the @Home Independent or @Home Independent+ programs do not turn in anything for grading. However, it is a wise choice to stay on pace in order to prepare for testing (included in the @Home Independent+ program) and to stay on track in preparation for the following school year.

#### **Who is the @Home Instructor for students in the @Home Assist program? What is their role?**

The name of the @Home Instructor for students in the @Home Assist program will be emailed to the student and their family once the scheduling is finalized. The @Home Instructor will:

- Answer questions and assist parents and student throughout the process.
- Grade the work, record it, and track student progress.

#### **Do @Home students have access to sports and other extracurricular activities?**

Students enrolled in the @Home Assist and @Home Independent+ programs are eligible for sports and extracurricular activities at Rockford Lutheran School.

#### **Who should students contact if they have a question about their work?**

- Students enrolled in the @Home Assist program should contact their @Home Instructor.
- Academic support is not provided for students enrolled in the @Home Independent or @Home Independent+ programs. However, questions regarding the program may be directed Nikki Tibbetts, @Home Coordinator, at [ntibbetts@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:ntibbetts@rockfordlutheran.org) or 815-877-9551 ext. 160.

### **My student signed up for Study Tips / Year Book during Study Hall. How will this work at home?**

Students enrolled in the @Home Assist program who signed up for Study Tips or Year Book will receive instructions and any needed materials to complete assignments at home.

### **Will there be opportunities for @Home students to interact with other @Home families?**

The @Home Coordinator will be exploring ways to build community and connections with our @Home students, families and staff. More information to come.

### **When we are ready, what is the process for my student to return to in-person instruction?**

If your student is ready to return to in-person instruction at Rockford Lutheran School, please contact Don Kortze, Academic Dean, at [dkortze@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:dkortze@rockfordlutheran.org) or 815-877-9551 ext. 115.

### **How will summative and standardized testing be communicated for @Home Assist and @Home Independent+ students?**

- Summative Testing - Summative testing for @Home Assist students will be communicated by the @Home Instructor.
- Standardized Testing - Families in the @Home Assist and @Home Independent+ programs will be contacted via email when standardized testing is scheduled.

### **My student has an IEP / 504 plan. How will this be impacted by @Home learning?**

Jill Gentry, Resource Room Coordinator, will be contacting families to review all student plans, ensuring that all accommodations are reflected in Skyward. She may be reached at [jgentry@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:jgentry@rockfordlutheran.org) or 815-988-9551 ext. 229.

### **Is a Chromebook required in the @Home program?**

Students in the @Home program may access Canvas using any device. If families want their student's Chromebook to be on Rockford Lutheran's domain for content filtering purposes, there is a fee of \$35. Please note that students wanting to use their Chromebook inside the Rockford Lutheran School building must be in the domain in order to access Wi-Fi.

### **Who can I contact with questions?**

For additional information, please contact Nikki Tibbets, @Home Coordinator, at [ntibbets@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:ntibbets@rockfordlutheran.org) or 815-877-9551 ext. 160.

### **How do I receive general and emergency texts from Rockford Lutheran?**

Communication with Rockford Lutheran families is very important to us. **We highly encourage families to sign up for text alerts** (in addition to phone and email alerts) in order to receive both general and emergency messages. To sign up for text alerts, simply **log onto Skyward and select "Skylert"** in the left-hand menu bar. Fill out the appropriate information and save before exiting.

### **Where can I find the most current information regarding Rockford Lutheran School?**

FAQ sheets discussing current activities at Rockford Lutheran School may be found on the Rockford Lutheran School website at [www.rockfordlutheran.org/fags/](http://www.rockfordlutheran.org/fags/). Information on these FAQ sheets will be added and updated regularly as we receive new information.