

DeSoto ISD 6th - 8th Grade Distance Learning Plan, Week 1 and 2 (March 17 – 27)

Learning requirements for grades 6 - 8 are listed below. To assist families in scheduling out these learning expectations, and to provide additional resources to keep healthy routines in place during social distancing, please see a suggested daily schedule included as well. *Template adapted from [Khan Academy's plan for school closures](#).*

DeSoto ISD Required Distance Learning Daily (minimum 3x/week) Activities, Grades 6-8	
<i>I have a device and internet access: Click here to access apps.</i>	<i>I do NOT have a device and internet access.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least 30 minutes choice reading (books or e-readers) daily ● Record your daily reading on a Reading Log. ● 20 minutes of written journaling, responding to these prompts each day ● 4 Achieve3000 reading lessons per week ● 3 Imagine Math lessons completed per week ● 2 McGraw Hill math assignments per week ● Khan Academy Grammar practice ● STEMScopes Science Assignment ● Master 2 skills per week in IXL in each content area (total 6 skills per week) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At least 20 minutes choice reading (books or e-readers) daily ● Record your daily reading on a Reading Log. ● 20 minutes of written journaling ● RLA No Tech Assignment ● Math No Tech Assignments ● STEMScopes No-Tech Science Assignment ● Social Studies No Tech Assignment

Suggested daily schedule with linked resources

Time	Activity
8 - 9am	Have breakfast together as a family. Get ready for the day (change out of PJs!). Setting a daily agenda and goals as a family.
9 - 9:30am	Start your day in a book! Read together for 30 minutes and record in your reading log.
9:30 - 10am	Imagine Math Spend 30 minutes on your personalized learning pathway by completing lessons in Imagine Math
10 - 10:45am	Exercise, take a walk outside with your family, get some sun and fresh air!
10:45 - 11:15am	Achieve3000 Spend 30 minutes on your personalized learning pathway by completing passages in Achieve3000.
11:15 - 11:45 am	Journaling & Social Emotional Learning Spend 30 minutes completing the activity or prompt that is found here .
11:45 - 12:45pm	Lunch and break Suggestion: Listen to an educational podcast! Try RadioLab if you like science, Forever Ago if you like history, or Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls if you like biographies
12:45 - 1:30pm	Complete your science assignment in STEMScopes. Log in to receive your assignment!
1:30 - 1:50pm	Khan Academy Grammar Course - complete the course in 1-2 weeks in 20 minutes of work a few days per week!
1:30 - 9pm	Relax, go outside, work on passions, time with family. <i>Suggestion for Enrichment: Enrichment: Khan Academy computer programming</i>

Additional resources:

- One family's [plan for learning](#)
- Free [online subscriptions for school closures](#)
- Recommended [reading lists](#)
- There are 100+ books that students can read or have read to them on [Khan Academy Kids](#)
- [Virtual Museum Tours](#)
- Future Life Planning - <https://texasrealitycheck.com/> - will show you how much your living expenses will cost, and the amount of money you will need to earn to pay for them
- **Khan Academy math practice** has got your back. Depending on your confidence and grade level, one of the following courses are likely good for you:
 - [5th grade math](#)
 - [6th grade math](#)
 - [7th grade math](#)
 - [8th grade math](#)
 - [Algebra I](#)
 - One practice that [we've seen teachers and students use to great effect](#) is to start, regardless of age, on [Kindergarten](#) and then move to [1st grade](#), [2nd grade](#), etc.
 - Course challenges and unit tests can be used to accelerate through material. If you don't have too many gaps, you should be able to get through a previous year's content in 1-3 hours. If you do have gaps, it may take a bit longer, but that is good! This is your chance to fill in those gaps that might otherwise hold you back in the future.
 - You'll see that if you are able to put in at least a solid 30 minutes a day of math practice and keep leveling up skills, you'll see big gains and, most importantly, really see the world in new and exciting ways!
 - Once you are at your grade level, try to set a goal of leveling up at least 3 skills a week.
- **Khan Academy just released the first version of reading comprehension practice.** It is grouped by grade level:
 - [5th grade](#)
 - [6th grade](#)
 - [7th grade](#)
 - [8th grade](#)
 - We recommend starting at your grade level and doing 1-2 practice sets per day (or 10 practice sets per week). This should take about 10-20 minutes per day. If you find it difficult, completely okay to start at an earlier grade level. Likewise, if you find the passages and questions to be easy, feel free to move to higher grade levels.
- **Khan Academy Science and Social Studies.** Khan Academy high school biology could be used. Do research on what a virus is and how it spreads. Keep track of the news and how the various countries are responding to the pandemic. Khan Academy resources:
 - [Biology](#)
 - [US History](#)
 - [Computer Science Principles](#)