

RCAS Elementary Families,

Beginning Wednesday, January 27 – Wednesday, February 3rd, families interested in distance learning for the third trimester can submit an application. The third trimester begins March 4th. The Distance Learning application will be available Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. on Skyward Family Access. You can find directions [here](#).

Before applying, please be aware of the following information:

- The parent/guardian must be an active participant in their child's digital education experience. RCAS certified teachers will make contact with students/families at least weekly to direct instruction, review pacing, provide feedback, and make instructional decisions regarding student progress.
- Elementary instruction will be provided in the core content areas (Reading, Writing and Math).
- Rapid City School District certified staff will connect with students and families, respond to questions, provide feedback, assess learning, and provide reports of progress.
- RCAS certified staff will be available during posted office hours.
- Students will be required to complete state summative assessments during the spring of 2021. Parents/guardians will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the designated Rapid City School District assessment proctoring site during the spring of 2021.
- Students enrolled in Distance Learning will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.
- A trimester commitment is required when registering for Distance Learning.

By submitting an application, you must agree to support your child to fulfill the guidelines and expectations of the Distance Learning in Rapid City Area Schools.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school directly.

Sincerely,
Katy Urban
Community Relations Manager