

July 31, 2020

Hello Parents, Guardians, and NELA Supporters:

We are providing you the following information in accordance with Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 issued on July 23, 2020. Please carefully read the following information below regarding the 2020-21 School Year.

**Distance Learning Plan:** Our Distance Learning Plan can be found on the Northpoint's website, available at:

<http://www.northpointacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Distance-Learning-Plan-2020.docx.pdf>

**Mitigation Plan:** Our mitigation plan to address measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 can be found within our Northpoint Pandemic Plan 20-21 on our website, available at: <http://www.northpointacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/20-21-Pandemic-Mitigation-Plan-Pandemic-Plan-2020.pdf>.

### **School Calendar**

Distance learning will begin on August 3rd. Attached to this notice is a current copy of Northpoint's high school and middle school calendars for the 2020-21 School Year.

Pending guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services, we are currently anticipating beginning in-person, teacher-led classroom instruction on Monday, August 17. This date is only an estimate, may be revised at any time, and is dependent on the mandated upcoming guidance from Arizona's Department of Health determining risk of reopening for specific areas of the state (which is required by the Governor to be reported by August 7).

### **Attendance Requirements**

Your child will need to participate in the Northpoint's distance learning in order to be counted as present and attending. Northpoint's distance learning plan requires the following minimum level of contact: You are expected to be available for your classes from 9-3 every Monday-Thursday. For our 4 day schedule, the minimum participation is to log in to each of your classes via Zoom or Google Classroom or both daily. Northpoint allows a total of 14 absences (excused and unexcused) or 4 unexcused absences before a student is dropped from a course. Homework should be requested by email for all absences. Please see the Student Family Handbook (online) for more information.

Please note that state law (A.R.S. § 15-802) requires as follows:

- Every child between six and sixteen years of age must attend a school and be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.
- The child’s parent or guardian must enroll the child in a school and ensure that the child attends the school for the full time that school is in session. Northpoint intends to conduct school during the regular calendar days and hours.
- Certain exceptions apply to these attendance requirements, such as medical necessity. If you believe your child qualifies for such an exception, please contact us.

**Free On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services**

Beginning on August 17, 2020, unless disallowed by the state, we will begin offering free on-site learning opportunities and support services for students who need a place to go during the school day.

- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services **are not** teacher-led classroom instruction. However, free on-site learning opportunities and support services will include in-person support services such as student supervision and strategic support for students in need during standard school hours, and may include teacher-led or paraprofessional support for students engaging in distance learning instruction.
- If you believe your child needs a place to go during the day, please contact Wendy Gregory at (928) 717-3272 or [wendygregory@northpointacademy.org](mailto:wendygregory@northpointacademy.org) to discuss whether your child qualifies for this service. The Arizona Department of Education currently describes this service as a “safe learning space for students who are at-risk, in special education programs or who are the students of essential workers.”
- Please be advised that free on-site learning opportunities and support services may be suspended or terminated if the District or the Arizona Department of Health Services advises closing the premises for public health reasons or in the best interests of the staff and students.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, or if you need additional assistance, please contact us at: [melissawagoner@northpointacademy.org](mailto:melissawagoner@northpointacademy.org). The information contained in this letter may change as the situation changes, and in accordance with any applicable law, regulation, order or Governing Board policy. ***Please continue to regularly review the websites listed below for important updates, and please, check your email regularly.***

Thank you,  
Melissa Wagoner  
Director

## **Important Resources**

- Northpoint's 2020-21 High School and Middle School Calendar:  
<http://www.northpointacademy.org/project/calendar/>
- Distance Learning Plan:  
<http://www.northpointacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Distance-Learning-Plan-2020.docx.pdf>
- Northpoint's Pandemic Plan 2020 (Mitigation Plan):  
<http://www.northpointacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/20-21-Pandemic-Mitigation-Plan-Pandemic-Plan-2020.pdf>
- Arizona Revised Statute § 15-802, available at: <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/15/00802.htm>
- Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51, available at:  
<https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>