



# St. Mary's Catholic School

## LEARNING PLATFORM OPTIONS

St. Mary's Catholic School offers a variety of learning experiences tailored to meet the needs of our community. Parents have the option to register their child in one of the following learning platform categories.



### 1. FULL-TIME TRADITIONAL LEARNER

- This refers to the "traditional" in-school experience for all grade-levels PK3 through 12.
- Registrants should expect the same quality learning experience that has been provided each year.

#### **Temporary Distance Learner**

- This refers to full-time "traditional" learners who have to stay out of school for an extended period of time due to COVID (or other circumstances) but will remain registered as a full-time traditional learner and will return to campus-based learning as soon as possible.
- This will be offered to all students in PK3 through 12th grade.

### 2. FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNER - ONLINE

- A full-time distance learner online is a student who works from home full-time but is required to login and participate in all classes via Microsoft Office Teams.
- This option is offered to students in 1st through 12th grades only.
- The Full-Time Distance Learner option will not be offered to early childhood students (PreK 3, PreK 4, and kindergarten) because of the emphasis on skills building which cannot be easily replicated online.

### 3. FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNER - SELF-PACED

- A full-time distance learner self-paced is a student who works from home, but, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to login regularly during the day to meet (virtually) for his or her classes. These students would receive the curriculum, some direct instruction, and have access to video-recordings of live lessons, but their learning would be self-paced at home, working with their parents/guardians.
- This would be offered to students in 1st through 12th grades.
- The Full-Time Distance Learner option will not be offered to early childhood students (PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten) because of the emphasis on skills building which cannot be easily replicated online.

COVID health and safety plans will be implemented in strict compliance with all CDC and health official guidelines. Final plans will be communicated closer to the beginning of August, once we receive final guidance from TEA, TCCBED, and the Diocese of Tyler. Plans may be adjusted in accordance with revised guidance. At this point, St. Mary's plan is to enforce social distancing, require the use of masks in common areas, and operate primarily on a cohort basis by grade-level for all campus-based programs. We will place a major emphasis on health and disinfection processes across all campus facilities throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

**All students will be registered for plan #1 as a full-time traditional learner unless you notify Melinda Dunn prior to August 1, 2020.**

**Early Childhood students in PK3 and PK4 will still have part-time traditional options.**

**In the event of a mandated school closure, all grade levels will be able to choose plan 2 or 3 until campus-based learning resumes.**