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<h2>Digital Learning Option: LaunchED @ Home</h2>	<h2>Traditional Model: Face to Face</h2>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ LaunchED is the digital learning program of Orange County Public Schools. It is an immersive and interactive learning experience offered at all schools in the district. ★ The expectation is for all students to follow the traditional school schedule. The student’s teachers will provide resources and lessons when following the district-wide curriculum. ★ Every student will be provided with a digital device. ★ LaunchED provides students access to world-class, digital tools and resources that allow them to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborative ✓ Connected ✓ Critical thinkers and problem solvers ✓ Creative and innovative ✓ ★ The link below will provide additional information about LaunchED https://youtu.be/CbE39xZP5AI ★ <u>Meet the Teacher</u>-will be virtual on Friday, August 7, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Teachers will send directions on how to access the video conferencing tools on Friday morning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Designed for families who feel comfortable with students returning to a face-to-face, in-school environment. ★ Provides the opportunity for students to return to campus and interact directly - but safely -with their teachers and classmates. ★ Here is what to expect inside the classroom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be required to wear a face mask in class unless a medical condition or disability does not allow it. If a student forgets their face mask, the school will provide them one a limited number of times before we contact you to bring one to the school. • Employees working with students shall wear face masks. • Hand sanitizer stations will be available in each classroom. • Class sizes will reflect those in alignment with prior years and will align with state student-to-teacher ratios. • To the extent feasible, students will be seated in a socially distant layout in classrooms with all chairs, desks, and other workstations. • Nonessential furniture will be removed from the classroom. ★ <u>Meet the Teacher</u>-will be virtual on Friday, August 7, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Teachers will send directions on how to access the video conferencing tools on Friday morning.



★ Material pickup is TBA.

★ Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch Pick Up:

- Independence will be offering Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch for the first two weeks while everyone is learning through LaunchED. Pickup will be both Mondays, August 10 and August 17, from 3:00-4:00 PM. You will receive a week of breakfasts and lunches at each of these two pickups.

As of August 24, Grab and Go times for the LaunchED students will be 3:27-4:15 PM.

Please pay in advance using the SchoolPay site at

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>.

- (Free and reduced lunch applies to those who qualify.) ***When picking up food, please write your student's name and student number large and legible and place in your front window during pickup. Cafeteria staff will need this information when distributing food.***

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★ Breakfast/Lunch:

Breakfast and Lunch payment is encouraged through School Pay at

<https://www.schoolpay.com/>.

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★ Arrival and Dismissal Information

- At this time, for safety reasons, the YMCA is our only after school program for our Independence students. Please contact the YMCA program at <https://ymcacf.org/> if you are in need of before and/or after school care for your child.
- As another safety precaution, students will not be unloaded from vehicles or allowed to enter the building until 8:40 AM. This will allow students to go directly to their classrooms upon entering the building. We strongly encourage parents to drive through the car circle.
- In an effort to help stagger drop off, students will not be marked tardy until 9:00.
- There is flexibility with attendance, tardies, homework, but safety precautions will not be flexible.
- YMCA is the only option right now in an effort to minimize exposure beyond our school. If another after school option approaches the school with a request, their plan and procedures will be taken into consideration before approval. This is in an effort to keep our students, teachers, staff members, and families as safe as possible.
- During dismissal, we are asking all parents who are able to utilize our car line and request that you stay in your vehicle for the safety of everyone. Please display your child's name clearly. Students will be required to open their own car door. We will not load any students into parked cars.



★ General IES Safety and Procedures:

- Masks are required when on campus.
- Only water bottle filling stations will be available throughout the school day. Each classroom will be assigned a private restroom which will be cleaned twice a day.
- Social distancing will be maintained in the classrooms.
- CDC guidelines will be followed when determining lunch and recess procedures.

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For more information please visit the school's website.