

# Learning Model Guide for Fall 2020-2021: *100% Distance Learning*

**For the fall semester, SPCPA will follow the State data that coincides with the recommended learning plan for our school.** As long as the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) continue to recommend a hybrid learning model for SPCPA, the school will remain open. The current state recommendation for SPCPA is to begin the school year in a hybrid learning model (this recommendation is based on data from all of the counties in which SPCPA students reside). Once the school year begins, it will be an option for students in the *100% Distance Learning* model to change their mind and move to one of the other learning models offered, but they must wait until the quarter break (November 9).

## ❖ *100% Distance Learning Overview*

- Students will utilize the Edgenuity online platform for all academic classes. Those classes will be delivered, customized, supported, and graded by the SPCPA teacher assigned to the hybrid version of each academic course.
- Students will have the same opportunity as hybrid students to receive live academic instruction and support through regularly scheduled virtual sessions throughout the semester with each SPCPA instructor who is assigned to the hybrid version of each academic course.
- Students will receive arts credit through Edgenuity. There will be regular opportunities to join a number of hybrid arts classes virtually for enrichment. There will also be opportunities for students to engage in regularly scheduled Zoom sessions with their arts department. Students may also potentially receive SPCPA arts credit for online work through pre-approved arts organizations.
- All academic courses, regardless of learning model, are aligned.
- At the end of the semester, students will have the option to choose all SPCPA arts and academic courses to be graded A-F, or all SPCPA arts and academic courses to be graded Earned Credit/No Credit.

## ❖ Academic Coursework and Schedule

**All courses will be delivered via Edgenuity.**

All academic courses on Edgenuity have been customized by the SPCPA instructor who teaches the hybrid version of the course.

All students will have the option to receive live support via regularly scheduled live Zoom sessions (see Appendix B for the *Academic Live Sessions Schedule*). In addition, students may reach out to teachers to schedule individual support sessions as needed.

- The teacher providing instruction and support in these live sessions will be the teacher assigned to the hybrid version of the course. This same teacher will also be responsible for grading.
- Do not refer to your schedule in Infinite Campus for live session times. **Always refer to Appendix B: *Academic Live Sessions Schedule* for your regularly scheduled Zoom sessions.**
- Students in *100% Distance Learning* for academics will have the same amount of time to connect to academic SPCPA instructors as students attending hybrid classes.
- Though students are not required to join the live sessions, they are **STRONGLY** encouraged to do so.
- Students will be encouraged to keep pace with the hybrid classes, but it will be an option to move forward through Edgenuity courses as desired.

**Students will receive information on how to access and navigate Edgenuity on September 3.**

## ❖ Arts Classes

**All classes will be delivered via Edgenuity.**

Students choosing the *100% Distance Learning* model will complete arts coursework via *Edgenuity*. Please refer to Appendix A to see the arts course options through Edgenuity. Students will choose two arts classes through Edgenuity for the fall semester to meet arts credit requirements for the fall.

- Each SPCPA arts department will offer one live Zoom session per week exclusively for *100% Distance Learning* students. Though these sessions are not required, students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend. Sessions will be recorded and posted to Google Classroom. Additionally, students may reach out at any time to the teacher assigned to their art course through Edgenuity for support. (See Appendix C for the *Arts Live Sessions Schedule*).
- Students are welcome and encouraged to join their grade-level hybrid arts classes via Zoom for enrichment.
  - Zoom links will be provided on Google Classroom. You will receive an email from your arts department prior to the start of the year about how to access Google Classroom. (In the case of a substitute or technology challenge this may not be possible on some days).
- *For 100% Distance Learning students only*, for Fall 2020 only, it is an option to receive SPCPA arts credit for online courses completed through approved arts organizations (those typically associated with SPCPA through its Arts Advisory Council; for example, Steppingstone, YPC, Stages, Walker West, MDT, Ballet Co. Lab, Penumbra Theatre, Guthrie, GTCYS, Children's Theater, etc.).
  - Department Chairs are currently compiling a list of recommended online programs from community organizations. Look out for this information coming next week (week of Aug. 31). SPCPA cannot pay for online courses through outside arts organizations.
  - **60 hours = 1 Edgenuity arts course.**
  - Students interested in receiving SPCPA credit through an outside arts organization **must be pre-approved** prior to beginning their outside arts experience and should contact Emily Johnson ([johnsone@spcpa.org](mailto:johnsone@spcpa.org)), Genevieve Bennett ([bennettg@spcpa.org](mailto:bennettg@spcpa.org)), or Brian Goranson ([goransonb@spcpa.org](mailto:goransonb@spcpa.org)). Credit from an outside arts organization will be graded P/F.

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## ❖ Attendance

**Students will be responsible for submitting daily attendance through Infinite Campus.** Each day students will “check-in” via the prompt in Infinite Campus. A student’s parent/guardian listed in Infinite Campus must call the attendance hotline (651-222-3200) to report the student absent on any day the student is unable to engage in schoolwork. If a student does not engage in schoolwork and there is no reported absence via the attendance hotline within two school days the absence will be marked unexcused. Students are still expected to “attend” school daily even in a distance learning model. SPCPA is still required to report truant students even in a distance learning model.

## ❖ Grading

Infinite Campus will be used to track and communicate grading. Though percentages may be visible in Edgenuity, SPCPA teachers will be entering scores and grades into Infinite Campus, at minimum, every other week. It may be possible that the percentage you see in Edgenuity does not always correspond to the official percentage reflected in Infinite Campus. **Please refer to Infinite Campus for all grades.**

At the end of the semester, students will have the option to choose all SPCPA arts and academic courses to be graded A-F, or all SPCPA arts and academic courses to be graded Earned Credit/No Credit.

## ❖ FAQ

1. **May I change my mind and move to one of the other two learning model options for Fall 2020, either *Hybrid for both Arts and Academics* or *Hybrid for Arts; Distance Learning for Academics*?**
  - a. Prior to the start of the school year, yes. Once the school year begins, we will wait until the quarter break (Monday, November 9) to move students to one of the two Hybrid options.
  - b. Please refer to the corresponding Learning Model Guide to learn more about the other options (*Hybrid for Arts; Distance Learning for Academics* and *Hybrid for Arts and Academics*).

**2. What happens if the State recommendation for SPCPA changes to *100% Distance Learning* and SPCPA temporarily closes for Hybrid learning?**

- a. For Academics**, you will continue to receive instruction and complete work via Edgenuity and live Zoom sessions.
  
- b. If SPCPA moves to *100% Distance Learning*, arts will also be delivered virtually, live, via Zoom.**
  - i.** These live sessions will coincide with the periods students are assigned to arts classes.
  - ii.** All Zoom sessions will be recorded and posted on Google Classroom.
  - iii.** Though students are not required to attend the LIVE version, they will be STRONGLY encouraged to do so. If unable to attend live, students will be asked to watch the recordings and complete required assignments.
  - iv.** Students will access instruction and assignments on Google Classroom.
  
- c. For the Arts**, Students in the *100% Distance Learning* model have three options\* *should SPCPA close for Hybrid learning and move to 100% Distance Learning for all students for more than two weeks:*
  - i.** You may continue to complete your arts work through Edgenuity or an outside arts organization (you are welcome to join arts live or recorded via Zoom, for enrichment).
  - ii.** If you are caught up on your Edgenuity arts coursework, you may set aside your Edgenuity arts curriculum for the duration of the closure, and ***join the virtual arts classes being offered for credit.*** Once the hybrid learning model resumes, you would return to your Edgenuity arts courses (and are welcome to join art classes via Zoom for enrichment). You would then only be responsible for lessons in Edgenuity for the days the school was open for hybrid learning and you were in *100% Distance Learning*.
  - iii.** If you are not caught up in your Edgenuity arts classes, you may join the arts via Zoom for enrichment. Once you are caught up on your Edgenuity arts classes, you may set aside your Edgenuity arts curriculum and join the SPCPA arts classes for credit for the duration of the closure. Once the hybrid learning model resumes, you would return to your Edgenuity arts courses (and are welcome to join art classes via Zoom for enrichment).

**\*If the State's recommendation for SPCPA changes at any point to a *100% Distance Learning* model for two consecutive weeks or longer, you will receive information about how to clarify your option, so that you may receive credit for attending SPCPA arts classes virtually if you so choose.**

❖ **Questions**

**About a class:** contact your teacher

**About Edgenuity or your learning model options:** email [info@spcpa.org](mailto:info@spcpa.org) or call 651-290-2225