



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | TRIVIUM EAST

## A Great Hearts Academy

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### **When does Distance Learning begin?**

Distance learning begins the first scheduled day of school, August 6th. The first two days will be devoted to getting to know your child's teacher and teaching our scholars how to navigate the online platform.

### **When does the first day of In-Person learning begin?**

As of now, the first day of in-person learning begins on August 31st. Please see Mr. Erik Twist's recent communication on Governor's Ducey's order regarding school opening [here](#).

### **Do all students participate in Distance Learning?**

All students are expected to attend school beginning August 6th. Thus, all students are initially enrolled in Distance Learning. Beginning August 31st, you may choose to return to school in person or to continue with the Distance Learning program.

### **How do I choose whether or not I would like my child to join Distance Learning or In-Person learning on August 31?**

All families should have received [an email with instructions](#) on how to indicate your choice of in-person or distance learning on Thursday, July 23rd. You will use this to indicate your choice between in-person and distance learning. This survey is not merely to collect information, it is the means by which Archway Trivium East will receive your choice. The survey will close on Wednesday, July 29.

### **What if I did not receive the survey?**

You can find the original email, along with a link for the survey, attached [here](#).

### **How can I learn more about Distance Learning?**

You can learn more about Great Hearts Distance Learning on the [Great Hearts Safe Return website](#). We encourage you to attend the Great Hearts Distance Learning Town Hall on Monday, July 27th at 1:30 PM. There will also be an Archway Trivium East Town Hall with the Headmaster on Tuesday, July 28th at 5pm via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found in this Friday's Echo. We ask that you pre-send any questions you would like answered to us through [this form](#).

### **What will our schedule look like for Distance Learning?**

Distance learning will involve a combination of synchronous (live) and asynchronous instruction and activities. Our school is currently developing class schedules that will incorporate each subject. Most instruction is set to occur during the morning hours. A final schedule will be sent to you with your teacher welcome letter by August 4th.

### **Is attendance required? How will this be tracked?**

Attendance for Great Hearts Distance Learning is required. The means by which we track this is still being developed in accordance with guidance from the Arizona Department of Education. We will give you an update before the first day of school.



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#### **What if I cannot have my child login during the designated times?**

A recording of live instruction will be made available for student access for those who cannot arrange live viewing. We do strongly recommend all students to interact during live times if at all possible, in order to have the opportunity for immediate feedback from their teachers. We do fully understand that every family situation is different and will work to accommodate your circumstances.

#### **What if I do not have the technology necessary for distance learning?**

We have sent out a technology survey to determine whether any of our families need support with loaned technology. At this time, the survey is closed. However, if you missed the survey and are concerned about your access to technology, please contact Clay Scott at [cscott@archwaytriviumeast.org](mailto:cscott@archwaytriviumeast.org).

#### **Will I need access to a printer?**

Access to a printer is highly encouraged. However, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you are unable to do so and we will work with your circumstances.

#### **Will the school be printing packets again?**

No, the school will not be printing packets. This will help increase both the safety and time of our faculty until school is back in session. Exceptions are made if a legal accommodation necessitates it. If you do not have access to a printer, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

#### **Will my child need to wear a uniform during distance learning?**

Yes, we ask that all students wear uniforms during live, synchronous instruction. We aim to recreate as much of the Archway Trivium East experience as possible, and uniforms are one way our scholars can join together in unity with their peers. A link to the uniform policy can be found [here](#).

#### **Do I still need school supplies? If so, do they need to be new supplies or can I just use what I have on hand?**

Yes, school supplies are still needed. If you purchased an EduKit, these will be available for pick up on Wednesday, August 5th. If you did not pre-order an EduKit, please see our list of supplies at this link: <https://archwaytriviumeast.greatheartamerica.org/academics/book-supply-lists/#Supplies>. You are more than welcome to purchase supplies through any vendor of your choice or use supplies on hand.

#### **Where and when can I pick up Spalding materials and EduKits?**

Pre-ordered EduKits and pre-ordered Spalding materials will be available via a drive-through pick up on Wednesday, August 5th throughout the day. Exact hours for pick-up will be shared next week.

#### **Do each of my children need a set of Phonogram Cards, or can we have one per household?**

Phonogram cards are used for independent practice rather than during live, synchronous instruction. Thus, your children are more than welcome to take turns sharing cards when practicing.



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#### **Will my child need the books from the Classics to Keep list? Where can I purchase them?**

Yes, the Classics to Keep books will be used during Distance Learning. Barnes and Noble has these available for purchase. However, with the ISBN, you are welcome to purchase books from other vendors. Please ensure the same editions are being used so students can track with their teacher. You may access the book list at this link: <https://archwaytriviumeast.greatheartamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/05/ATE-Consumable-Book-List-2020-2021.pdf>

#### **Do I need to purchase workbooks?**

Yes, your student's workbooks (listed on the Book List) will be referenced and used during Distance Learning, both before and after August 31st.

#### **When will I know who my child's teacher will be?**

You will be notified who your child's teacher will be by August 4th. Survey results from the Distance Learning survey are being factored into the creation of our sections, so rosters will be adjusted and finalized after the closure of the survey window.

#### **How will I be notified of who my child's teacher will be?**

Your child's teacher will reach out to you directly by August 4th. A welcome letter will be sent which includes expectations for the class, your child's class schedule, and a link to the Meet the Teacher event.

#### **Will there be a Meet the Teacher event?**

Yes! We will be conducting Meet the Teacher via Zoom this year. On August 6th and 7th, your child's teacher will set up individual time slots to spend some one-on-one time with each of your children.

#### **What is the school doing to address safety when students return?**

The Great Hearts Safe Return Plan is a great resource to learn about the steps we are taking to protect our community. You can reference it here: <https://www.greatheartamerica.org/safereturn/>. We are currently working to share a more detailed breakdown of all of the procedures that are going to be in place, including all that we are doing behind the scenes. An update will be given when this is complete. As a network, we are continuing to work with state and local officials to implement best practices within our academy.

#### **What are the mask requirements for the return to school? Will there be shields/partitions up on desks; if so, why?**

Please refer to the [Great Hearts Face Covering Policy](#) on the GH Safe Return website, for the details of the mask policy. To clarify, removeable clear partitions will be placed on desks. This is in place to allow students to take off masks, if necessary, while seated at their desks. This policy, along with the mask policy as a whole, is subject to change in response to local, county, or state ordinances.

#### **I already paid for Full Day Kindergarten? How will this be handled with Distance Learning.**



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For now, Kindergarten payments have been suspended. If you paid for the month of August, your payment will be applied to your first month back of in-person learning.

#### **How can I stay informed about new information and updates from the school?**

The two best resources are to visit the [Archway Trivium East website](#), and to read the weekly newsletter, *The Athenian Echo*. Previous editions can be found [here](#). Every Friday we send the most pertinent and important information we have to date. Additionally, please look out for standalone emails from our school and the Great Hearts Lead Office. Communication is critical during these times and it is essential that we stay connected. As always, you can feel free to email Headmaster Stephen Philabaum with questions at [sphilabaum@archwaytriviumeast.org](mailto:sphilabaum@archwaytriviumeast.org).

#### **What do I do if I am not receiving email communication from Great Hearts/Erik Twist or Archway Trivium East?**

If you are not receiving communication from Great Hearts/Erik Twist, please email [questions@greatheartsamerica.org](mailto:questions@greatheartsamerica.org) and include the your student's name, grade and school to be added to the distribution list.

If you are not receiving Archway Trivium East communications such as the Athenian Echo Newsletter, please email [bmcdonald@archwaytrivium.org](mailto:bmcdonald@archwaytrivium.org) and include the your student's name, grade and school to be added to the distribution list.

**These questions can also be found at [this link](#). We will continue to update this resource with questions as more are raised.**