

## Distance Learning

This is an umbrella term for learning that does not occur in-person. Lessons can be provided by way of paper packets, online programs, or during live virtual sessions on Google Meet or WebEx. Communication may occur through messaging apps, phone calls, video calls, discussion boards, or live virtual sessions.

## Synchronous Learning

The teacher delivers live, real-time instruction to students via Google Meet or WebEx. Students can participate in real-time and engage with their teachers and classmates.

## Asynchronous Learning

Students work at their own pace with no real-time instruction. Learning occurs through teacher assignments (for example, paper packets, self-guided online programs, turning in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math assignments through Google docs, and other means).



# 7 Definitions for Learning During a Pandemic in Hawaii

During Distance Learning, schools must implement each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and provide special education, related services, and specially designed instruction (SDI). This also applies to students whose parents opt-in for Total Distance Learning.

## Total Distance Learning

Students receive instruction by way of a self-paced and self-guided online curriculum like Acellus, Florida Virtual and ASU Prep Digital. Students work independently and students in general education do not typically receive instruction from a HIDOE teacher. Parents opt-in for this option for a semester or year.

## Learning Management System

This is a platform (for example, Blackboard and Google Classroom) that helps teachers manage and organize instructional materials. It provides communication between teachers, students and parents.

## Hybrid/Blended Learning

Students rotate between face-to-face instruction and distance learning. A variety of instructional strategies and resources are used. Models differ slightly across elementary, middle and high school.

## Face-to-Face Learning

Students receive in-person instruction on the school campus. Priority is given to students with IEPs, English Learners, and students in grades Pre-kindergarten to 2nd Grade.

