



# Online Distance Learning Frequently Asked Questions

## WHAT IS ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING?

**Online Distance Learning** (sometimes referred to as remote learning) happens when classes are conducted online, in remote locations, where teachers and students do not necessarily have to meet in person, in the physical school. Instead, classes meet via online learning platforms based on identified schedules. The types of online distance learning are synchronous and asynchronous learning.



## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMESCHOOLING AND ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING?

**DLSZ's Online Distance Learning (ODL)** is delivered through online platforms or learning management systems (LMS) and is facilitated by teachers whether through synchronous or asynchronous sessions. Teachers will still introduce, explain, and deepen the students' knowledge of learning competencies and conduct assessments to evaluate mastery of lessons. We are developing the students holistically, through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, recollections, guidance and counseling services. Given the limited capabilities of younger children, they will need more supervision from their parents especially in operating the device, printing materials, giving attention to the task at hand, understanding instructions, etc.

**Homeschooling institutions** provide learners with learning modules and course flow which is to be facilitated at home by parents, guardians or tutors who have undergone relevant training. Learning sessions may be adjusted to fit family schedule and circumstances. Homeschooling institutions have to be accredited by the Department of Education for the students to be promoted to the next level.

## HOW WILL THE ODL LEARNING MODULES DIFFER FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS?

Compared to the learning modules teachers were accustomed to write before the pandemic, the ODL version is on a compressed curriculum that is designed to prioritize the learning standards which is deemed important because it leads to student mastery of the competencies.

## HOW LONG WILL ODL BE IMPLEMENTED?

The ODL will be adopted for the first to 3rd term of AY 2020-2021. When the school is allowed to conduct hybrid classes, ODL will still be conducted on some days. Parents may opt to have their kids continue with pure ODL the entire year.

## WILL ODL BE OFFERED TO BRAFENHS?

Yes. BRAfeNHS teachers will be providing printed learning materials and uploading some of these learning materials (modules and activities) in the LMS retrospective with the schedule per subject area on a weekly basis depending on the options taken:

**Option 1:** Using Online LMS Hybrid (Google Classroom + Google Drive + Video Conferencing App + Chatting App)

**Option 2:** USB + Online activities

**Option 3:** USB + parental/guardianship involvement



## WHAT LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (LMS) WILL BE USED?

Pre-Kinder to Grade 3 students will use SeeSaw, Grade 4 to Grade 12 students will use Google Classroom and other Google Apps such as Google Meet, Google Docs, etc. BRafeNHS students will use Google Classroom, Edmodo and Schoology.



Google Classroom



## ARE WE GOING TO USE PHYSICAL BOOKS?

Pre-Kinder to Grade 6 will use physical books and worksheets while Grade 7 to Grade 12 students will use ebooks and audiobooks

## WHO DO WE CONTACT FOR PROBLEMS WITH LMS AND OTHER TECHNICAL GLITCHES?

You may email IT Support at [it-helpdesk@dlszobel.edu.ph](mailto:it-helpdesk@dlszobel.edu.ph)

## WHAT MOBILE LEARNING DEVICE (MLD) WILL MY CHILD NEED FOR ODL?

Any available learning device that has equivalent specifications to any of the following:

- Android Tablet/Smart Phone with Android OS version 8 or higher
- Windows Laptop/desktop with Windows 8.1 or higher; Browsers: Chrome v.68 or higher, Edge (Chromium based) v.80 or higher, Firefox v.66 or higher
- Chromebook with ChromeOS v.68 or higher
- iPad OS11 or higher
- iMac/MacBook with MacOS 10.11 (El Capitan) with MacOS 10.11 (El Capitan) or higher; Browsers: Chrome v.68 or higher, Edge (Chromium based) v.80 or higher, Firefox v.66 or higher



## HOW WILL THE DAY-TO-DAY ODL CLASS LOOK LIKE FOR YOUNGER KIDS? FOR UPPER GRADES AND HIGH SCHOOL?

Synchronous online classes for Pre-Kinder students will have a maximum of one (1) hour (30 mins per session) while Kinder students will have a maximum of one and a half (1.5) hours (30 mins per session). Grade 1 to Grade 6 and Junior High School students from Grade 7 to Grade 10 will all have a maximum of three (3) hours and 15 minutes synchronous online classes. Senior High School students in Grade 11 to Grade 12 will have a maximum of three (3) hours and 30 minutes synchronous online classes. Academic subjects will be taught online four (4) days a week. Wednesday will be called Wellness Wednesday and will consist of non-academic activities such as Counselling sessions, Storytelling for younger kids, Lasallian Formation, Clubs/ Organization activities, etc.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:15-8:30	Sunshine Call	Virtual DEAR/ Penmanship Session	Class/batch Mass  Club Playlist (optional, every other Wednesday)  Lasallian Formation, Library, and Guidance/ Counselling activities,	LCV	Sunshine Call
8:30-9:30	Language	Reading		CL	Alternate Art/HELE
9:30-9:45	BREAK			BREAK	
9:45-10:45	Math	Filipino		Math	Alternate Music/PE
10:45-11:00	BREAK			BREAK	
11:00-12:00	SS	Science		Filipino	Alternate Computer/ Robotics
12:00-1:00	LUNCH			LUNCH	
1:00 PM onwards	Asynchronous Tasks (online/offline)			Asynchronous Tasks (online/offline)	
1:00-2:30 PM	STUDENT-TEACHER INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION/ FEEDBACKING			STUDENT-TEACHER INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION/ FEEDBACKING	

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR G1 - G6

## WILL THEY HAVE ASSESSMENTS/ TESTS?

Assessments play an essential role in how students learn, their motivation to learn, and how teachers instruct. Through assessments, teachers are able to gather quantitative and qualitative information about what learners know and can do. These are the types of assessments to be conducted in DLSZ's online distance learning:

- Formative Assessments -given to students for them to show evidence of their learning.
- Summative Assessments- are given to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional unit.
- Self-Assessments -are conducted to gauge whether students have successfully framed the lesson from their perspective vis-à-vis learning targets.

As we conduct ODL sessions, we focus on delivery of the lessons and mastery of learning competencies. We will have more formative assessments that will allow us to see the students' on-going progress towards achieving the standards.

## WILL THERE BE PERFORMANCE TASKS?

Yes. The performance task that students make as a culmination of their learning may be done individually or collaboratively in small groups where they demonstrate an understanding of what they have learned in an authentic situation.

## HOW WILL THE GRADING SYSTEM BE?

Grading is based on assessment results. The new grading system that will be applied for the coming academic year will be explained in detail pending new guidelines coming from DepEd. Taking into consideration the learning curve of the students in pure online distance learning, the school will suspend the granting of honors and other academic awards for AY 2020-2021.

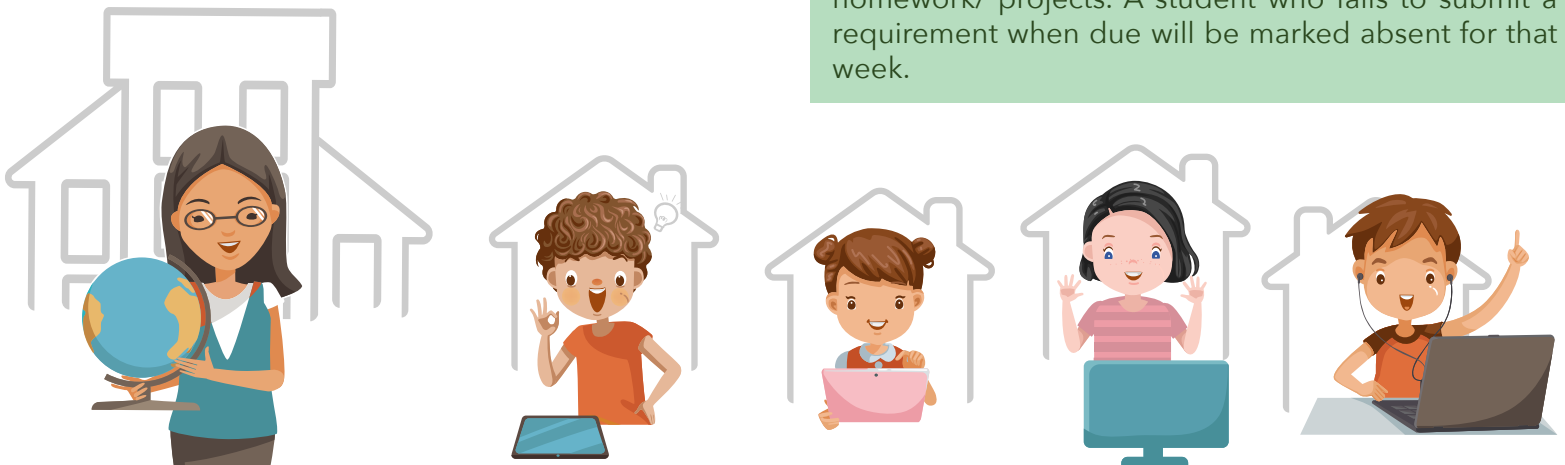
## HOW WILL MY CHILD'S CONDUCT BE GRADED?

As Lasallians, all students are expected to observe appropriate behavior at all times. As a prerequisite for the students' participation in ODL, they must go through a short and simplified course on Intellectual Property and Netiquette, including the curation of interactive videos and infographics. This will orient students about proper decorum when online. Moreover, talks on data privacy and digital citizenship will also be conducted for students.

- Students should compose and conduct communications with teachers in a polite and courteous manner. The tone of emails and phone conversations must be respectful. (Student Handbook, 9.1.1)
- All communications with other students in any forum, course-related email, discussion post, etc., must be polite, courteous, and respectful. Students are not to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language or images.. (Student Handbook, 9.1.3)
- All communications with other students must be of a school-related nature. Any sending of unsolicited email to other classmates is prohibited.
- The integrity and authenticity of student work are also given utmost importance during ODL. Copying the work of others, allowing others to knowingly copy a student's work, and/or misusing content from the Internet is strictly prohibited. (Student Handbook, 9.1.8)
- Student Handbook Section 2.4 Next Generation Blended Learning (NxGBL) program will also be applicable for Lower Grades
- Student Handbook Section 9.8 (offenses related to the NxGBL program will be strictly implemented.

## HOW WILL MY CHILD'S ATTENDANCE BE CHECKED?

Subject Teachers will check the attendance of each student during the online meeting. Attendance will be based on the submission of weekly assignments/ homework/ projects. A student who fails to submit a requirement when due will be marked absent for that week.



## DO WE NEED TO WEAR A UNIFORM FOR ONLINE CLASSES?

Not necessarily. Simple and comfortable clothing with sleeves may be worn but provocative and revealing clothes, those with offensive statements or symbols, hats or caps as well as jewelry and accessories are not allowed.

## ARE THERE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR AY 2020-2021?

Scholarships given last year will be retained. Those who applied for scholarships this AY 2020-2021 will be put on hold pending review of the scholarship program's viability and sustainability.

## WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT OPTIONS?

DLSZ offers online payment through its Family Portal or you may also pay through bank transfer/deposit. For inquiry, email [studentaccounts@dlszobel.edu.ph](mailto:studentaccounts@dlszobel.edu.ph)



## DOES MY CHILD NEED ADULT SUPERVISION?

Parents need to sign a form that signifies there is an adult at home who will supervise their child's learning especially for those with kids in Pre-Kinder to Grade 4.

It is important that parents attend the Virtual Orientation on June 29 to July 3, 2020 to be well informed about their crucial roles in the success of the online distance learning for their child. Constant parent/teacher communication is expected.

## WHAT IF WE DECIDE TO STOP MY CHILD'S SCHOOLING FOR A YEAR? CAN WE ENROLL OUR CHILD IN DLSZ THE FOLLOWING YEAR? DOES HE/SHE NEED TO TAKE ADMISSIONS TEST AGAIN? DO WE NEED TO PAY DEVELOPMENT FEES AGAIN?

Yes, you may enroll your child back again after a year. Only returning students who have been gone for more than one year are required to take the entrance test. Admission of returning students will depend on their grades from the previous school, their Admission test results, and the availability of slots. No need to pay the Development Fees upon return if the full amount had been paid. Otherwise, the remaining balance will have to be settled.



TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DLSZ'S ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING PLEASE READ OUR [CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN](#) FOR GENERAL QUERIES, EMAIL [INFO@DLSZOBEL.EDU.PH](mailto:INFO@DLSZOBEL.EDU.PH)