

## **WHAT CAN I EXPECT FOR THE 2020-2021 SY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEARN-AT-HOME MODEL WITH RESPONSES FROM THE HLC DIRECTOR:**

**1. Will I need wifi or any other forms of technology to help my child learn at home?**

Because teachers and other HLC staff have many ways to communicate with families, families only need to have a phone. Staff can meet the needs of families by communicating through phone, text, e-mail, Facebook, zoom, and when necessary, by home visit. In most cases, a cell phone is all you will need.

**2. How will be child's attendance be tracked?**

Attendance will be tracked through communication with families. When families cannot be reached and are unresponsive to HLC communication efforts, a home visit will be made to support families in maintaining instruction for your children.

**3. Will my child be required to submit assignments?**

All enrolled children are encouraged to complete daily activities. Families can post pictures of their child's work on the classroom Facebook page or can send a picture to teachers by e-mail or text. Although submitting assignments is not required, submitting assignments will allow teachers to provide feedback and generate your child's assessment data.

**4. How often will my child's teacher communicate with me?**

Teachers will call families on a bi-weekly schedule and will communicate each day on the classroom Facebook page. Teachers can also be reached Monday – Friday by phone, text, email, and Facebook.

**5. How often will the HLC deliver meals?**

HLC will deliver breakfast and lunch to your home following CDC guidelines. There will be no physical contact with families when delivering meals.

**6. Can I come to the center?**

The HLC is currently not allowing any visitors into the building. Families can come to building and can call 505-552-6959 or 505-235-6352, an HLC staff member will walk to your vehicle.

**7. If my child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) how will he/she receive services?**

If your child requires services from therapists, the HLC will communicate with you and tell you how we can help support services by offering access to technology. The HLC will work closely with the Grants Cibola County School District to support all students with IEP's.

**8. Will my child still receive Keres instruction?**

Yes – Kiwaityuwitsa will provide Weekly Keres Lesson Plans and will provide videos with Keres language instruction that will be posted to each classroom Facebook page.

**9. Can my child have the same teacher as last year?**

Because we are following CDC guidelines, we have reduced the number of children in each classroom which impacts how children are placed throughout six (6) classrooms. To prepare for the re-entry of children on campus, all siblings and children living within the same household will be placed in the same classroom.

**10. When will my child receive their Hatch Tablet?**

All HLC children will receive a Hatch Tablet in the month of September. Hatch tablets will be delivered to your home by your child's teacher.

**11. Who can I call if I need help with my child's tablet?**

All teachers will receive training on the Hatch tablets and Ignite Software. Most of your questions can be answered by calling your child's teacher.

**12. What if I don't have a Facebook account?**

Although we highly encourage you to create a Facebook profile if you do not have one, it is ok to opt out of engaging through Facebook. Each classroom will have their own classroom page. Each child enrolled in the classroom will be allowed to identify two users that can be "friends" on the classroom Facebook page. All classroom Facebook pages will be limited to children enrolled in the classroom, classroom teachers, the Education Manager and the HLC Director.



# HAAK'U LEARNING CENTER



## WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 HEAD START SCHOOL YEAR!

On July 17, 2020 the Acoma Board of Education (ABoE) approved the 2020-2021 Haak'u Learning Center's (HLC) Re-entry plans. Beginning March 2020, the HLC administrative staff, in collaboration with the Office of Head Start (OHS), began attending training and actively began planning for operating and delivering services during a pandemic. To ensure the health and safety of the HLC staff and families, the HLC will begin the school year following a **Learn-at-Home Model** for the first **nine (9) weeks**.

### LEARN-AT-HOME MODEL

- **Launches on August 17, 2020**
- Children will learn at home for the first nine (9) weeks
- After the first nine (9) weeks, the HLC and the ABoE will re-evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 on the community, state, and national levels and will decide to:
  - Continue the Learn-at-Home Model **or**,
  - Transition to the Hybrid Model
- All Head Start Teachers, including the Keres Teacher, will deliver instruction and communicate with families in many ways:
  - E-mail
  - Text and Phone
  - Zoom
  - Facebook
  - Deliver Weekly Project-Based Lesson Plans
  - Provide videos of teachers for children to view
- All children will receive a Hatch Tablet that only requires internet services once every five (5) days. The Hatch Tablet will be uploaded with games that align with our curriculum and assessment tools.
- All children will be supplied with materials for all assigned activities
- Meals will be distributed each school day to your home
- **Families can always choose the Learn-at-Home Model even when we transition to a Hybrid Model**



### HYBRID MODEL

- **When it is safe for children to return to the HLC campus, the HLC will launch a Hybrid Model**
- Some Features of this model include:
  - Opening six (6) Head Start Classrooms at half capacity reducing the number of children in each classroom with two teachers at all times
  - Children will return for full days of school (5.5 hours) but will follow a schedule (see below):

Returning (3 year old) Children Schedule:				
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Home	School	School	Home	Home

Transitioning (4-5 year old) Children Schedule:				
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Home	Home	Home	School	School

- While some children are on campus, the rest of the children will continue to learn at home.
  - HLC will follow extended precautions that align with CDC guidelines specific for Early Childhood Centers such as:
    - Face mask requirement
    - Intensified sanitation and disinfection
    - Creating of play hubs to promote physical distancing
    - Daily and Frequent temperature checks
    - Heightened safety procedures for bus loading, seating arrangements, and unloading
- We know you have more questions and your questions can be answered by calling the HLC – all families will receive more information in the coming weeks.