

September 18, 2020

Dear Options Families and Students,

Welcome to the FRSD Elementary Options Program! We are ready to get started on Tuesday Sept. 22nd. Thank you for your patience so far, as we have worked through a number of issues getting this program ready. Below is some information to help everyone succeed. If parents have children in both primary (K-5) and secondary (6-12) grades, you will receive a secondary letter as well.

Attendance

Everyday Counts! The State of Oregon requires every student to attend school. We care about all students and want them fully engaged every day! Whether your child is in Options Structured or Independent the attendance requirements are the same. Any of the following qualifies as “in attendance” if your child:

- Attended a virtual meeting (Zoom)
- Completed/turned in one or more assignments
- Communicated with a teacher or instructional assistant by phone, virtual meeting, email, text, app, instant messaging, etc. as long as it’s two-way communication (the student, and for younger students, the parent may be communicating)

Let us know if you or your child is having difficulty staying involved in their learning or you have another circumstance affecting your child’s attendance or learning.

Next week will be a little different and we will take attendance. After that we will send out an email with a link to an attendance sheet with directions.

How to Log in to Accelerate and FRSD

The student will use the same username and password for Accelerate as they do for Google and Chromebook login. If you picked up a FRSD Chromebook, you should have logged in already and your child won’t have to log in again! Students who are using their own device will also need this username and password if they haven’t received it. We are going to try to reach out to all who will be using their own device, first by individual email to parents, then by phone for parents without an email on file (we’d love to have an email for every family, you can email or call us). If you do not hear from us by Monday and still need a password, please send an email to fcooper@fernrIDGE.k12.or.us.

How to get started next week Sept 22-25

There will be Zoom virtual meetings throughout these first two days to make sure everyone can log on, connect, and generally troubleshoot. If you cannot make the assigned meeting on Tuesday, it will be repeated on Wednesday. If your child is in Options independent and an adult and/or child won’t be able to attend any of the daytime meetings, there will be recordings of the meetings available on the Options website. It will be a YouTube link. The schedule for the meetings on both Tuesday and Wednesday for every grade is:

Grade Zoom Link Address	Parent Last Name				
	A-D	E-H	I-L	M-R	S-Z
K/1 https://fernrIDGE-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/9754704099	8:00 – 8:30	9:00 – 9:30	10:00 – 10:30	12:00 – 12:30	1:00 – 1:30

2/3 https://fernridge-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/92989963411?	8:00 – 8:30	9:00 – 9:30	10:00 – 10:30	12:00 – 12:30	1:00 – 1:30
4/5 https://fernridge-k12-or-us.zoom.us/j/4746820952?pwd=bmlqTHFFWWJSamU1N0NURnBuU3VMUT09	8:00 – 8:30	9:00 – 9:30	10:00 – 10:30	12:00 – 12:30	1:00 – 1:30

On Thursday 9/24 and Friday 9/25 there will be the regularly scheduled Zoom meetings for Options Structured – between 8:00 and 8:30 and again between 12:00 – 12:30 where the focus will be on developing relationships, learning protocols for working virtually, asking students to share about themselves and general get-to-know-you activities. For Options Independent there will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday 9/24 at 1:00 and again at 6:30 pm for the same purpose using above Zoom link addresses. Beginning the week of Sept. 29, Options Independent will have regularly scheduled Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 1:00 only for checking in. We will formally begin the Accelerate curriculum the following week Sept 29–Oct 2 (no Accelerate 9/22-9/26).

Communication

We'd like to use the Remind app as one way to communicate. If you do not want us to add your phone contact please let us know. We may contact you if we are missing any information. Here are the teacher assignments and contact information:

- Mrs. Connolly K/1 Options Structured
connolly@fernridge.k12.or.us
M: 541-952-7025 ext. 3
T-F: 541-935-8225 ext. 5121

- Mrs. Jones K-2 Options Independent
mjones@fernridge.k12.or.us
M: 541-952-7025 ext. 2
T/H: 541-935-8214 ext. 3103
W/F: 541-935-8225 ext. 5115

- Ms. Russell 2 Options Structures / 3 Options Structured and Independent
erussell@fernridge.k12.or.us
M: 541-952-7025 ext. 4
T-F: 541-935-8225 ext. 5118

- Ms. Lewis 4/5 Options Structured and Independent
rlewis@fernridge.k12.or.us
M: 541-952-7025 ext. 5
T-F: 541-935-8214 ext. 3104

Thank you again for all the support as we are building an incredible program for not only the challenges we're facing, but for the future. This is known as building the plane as we fly it. There will be turbulence but we'll make it work!

Be kind, have patience, and give grace,

Mari Jones

Options Elementary Coordinator