

Overview of Breakthrough's Partnership With ASUPD

Context

In planning for a full in-person return to school, we recognized it was likely that we would have scholars who would need to miss school as a result of COVID-19 related quarantines. Our goal is to provide those scholars with high-quality learning experiences and individualized support while they are at home.

After exploring our options, we are very excited to be partnering with Arizona State University Prep Digital (ASUPD) to provide a mix of live and self-directed Math and ELA learning opportunities to our quarantined scholars, aligned with what is being taught in our classrooms during that time.

What is Arizona State University Digital Prep?

ASU Prep Digital is an online school serving students in grades K-12 and school partners around the world. Experts in virtual instruction, they work flexibly with a range of district and school partners to provide customized solutions to student learning needs.

What will the ASUPD Program look like? What should scholars and families expect?

ASUPD will support scholars by providing 1:1 and small group daily interaction and Math and ELA instruction using adaptive software and ASUPD teacher-created lessons and content aligned with what Breakthrough teachers are teaching at the time. While this won't be a complete substitute for being in school, it will provide scholars with exposure to topics being covered while they are at home, allowing them to stay up-to-speed and helping to make the transition back into the classroom after quarantine more seamless.

ASUPD's certified teachers will work with each family to determine a school schedule that works best for each scholar. A typical day will include 30-45 minutes of live Math instruction, 30-45 minutes of live ELA instruction, and additional content and practice provided through self-directed activities and adaptive software. In total, scholars can expect to spend 3-4 hours per day actively engaged in learning. Instruction will take place 5 days a week, with the only exceptions being holidays and school breaks.

Which scholars will participate in the ASUPD program?

Scholars who are required to quarantine as a result of exposure or a positive COVID-19 test will participate in the ASUPD program for the duration of their quarantine period, as long as that is at least 3 school days. The only exception to this is if we determine we need to quarantine a whole classroom, in which case the class will shift to School at Home with their teacher(s).

If my scholar needs to quarantine and participate in the ASUPD program, how will we get started?

Once we have confirmed your scholar will need to quarantine, a school or Breakthrough staff member will reach out to provide more information about the ASUPD program and what to expect. From there, you will hear directly from your scholar's ASUPD teacher, and they will serve as your main point of day-to-day contact while your scholar is participating in the program.

Will scholars participating in ASUPD be provided with technology?

Yes! We will provide scholars with a Chromebook, as well as a hotspot if needed. ASUPD teachers are well-trained to help families if they have trouble accessing their programming, and Breakthrough and ASUPD IT support will also be available if necessary.

When will this program start? What if my scholar is already quarantined?

We are working to begin onboarding students to the ASUPD program over the course of the week of September 7th. *If your quarantined scholar is eligible to participate with this initial group, more information will be provided to you next week.*