



The Tree House

Full Day Program *for* District Distance Learning Day

Policies and Expectations

The Tree House will offer a full day program every Wednesday from 7:00AM – 5:30PM. To participate, you must complete and submit a registration form and a \$50 registration fee per student; enrollment will be confirmed via email. New families will be invited to participate in an intake meeting with the Program Coordinator of the site your student(s) will attend.

Expectations

During full day programs, Tree House staff will provide a safe space for your student to participate in distance learning. Cohort peers will populate each student group and group size will not exceed 16 students. Our staff will supervise students as they work to complete distance learning assignments. Paraprofessionals will be available at each site to support students as they work on assignments. Our staff will be on hand to assist and guide should a student need help, but it is important to clarify that Tree House staff will not be providing instruction for students. We will be able to assist with technology use, answer questions, and help students stay on task. We will communicate any issues to parents. All students should be prepared for distance learning by bringing in all materials that teachers require. Devices should be fully charged and student's passwords and log in information should be known. Please be sure to bring chargers and cords so that we can keep the devices charged. Headphones or earphones may also be used. Tree House will have a limited stock of extra supplies such as pencils, paper, and erasers, but we are not responsible for providing these items on a daily basis. During school day hours, we will provide students with movement and socially-distanced mask breaks. In addition, we will work to structure the day with a balance of screen time, playtime, and movement.

Snacks and Meals

The Groton Food Services program will provide breakfast and lunch. The cost of the meals will be the same as it is for in-person school days; reduced and free lunch programs will apply. Tree House will not be collecting any money for meals taken during our program; please be sure to count these meals in your payments to your student's account. Parents will be asked at drop off if the student will be having lunch from the Food Service program or if a lunch has been provided from home. The Tree House program will provide one afternoon snack. Please send your student to Tree House with a water bottle and a morning snack.

Breakfast served between 8:30AM-9:00AM
AM Snack served between 9:45AM-10:15AM
Lunch served between 11:30AM – 12:00PM
PM Snack served between 3:00PM-3:30PM

**Breakfast from home may be eaten between 7:00 – 9:00AM*

Behavior Policy

It is important that your student be able to work independently during the Distance Learning parts of our day. Disruptive behaviors, refusal to complete assignments and/or participate in distance learning may be cause to terminate your student's enrollment in Tree House. As with our traditional program, we will honor a "3 strikes" system. If a child receives three behavior reports, suspension from the program will result. Continued behavior concerns upon return from suspension may cause your student's enrollment to be terminated.

COVID Safety and Social Distancing Measures

- Students will be in groups of up to 14. Groupings will be determined by school/ cohort and then by grade
- Students will use materials from home for distance learning activities. If the teachers send home materials for distance learning, be sure to send them with your child to Tree House.
- Drop off and pick up will be "drive through" style. Parents will drive up to the designated area on site and a staff member will approach your car to collect your child and escort them to the building. Please look for details specific to your Tree House site in the communications from your Tree House Program Coordinator.
- If you or your child has been in contact with someone that has been confirmed positive for COVID -19, you are required to quarantine for 14 days after the last contact with the infected person and to notify our program of the exposure.
- Student temperatures should be taken each morning prior to arrival to Tree House. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher are not permitted to attend the program. To return to Tree House, the student must be fever-free for 24 hours without using medication to reduce the temperature.
- Students will be required to wash their hands upon arrival at Tree House. Our staff will continue to instruct students to do frequent handwashing as they participate in our daily activities.
- All meals and will be individually packaged. Students will pick up their meals and eat in their designated spaces, socially distanced from other students.
- Tree House will follow all modifications that the schools have made in relation to COVID.