



SOUTH WHIDBEY PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW INFORMATION



What is the SWAP Program?

SWAP is a new distance learning model for enrolled South Whidbey School District families. It provides an option for families who wish to have the guidance, support and resources of the South Whidbey School District, but want to take a more active role in their child's education, with less dependence on online computer-based learning experiences.

What are the program goals and vision of the SWAP Program?

The vision of the SWAP program is to support families in taking a lead in their child's education in partnership with South Whidbey School District SWAP mentor teachers.

The goals of the SWAP Program are:

- To provide teacher guidance, learning and curriculum resources, subscriptions, and supports to enrolled SWAP families.
- To build connections between families who are seeking new learning models, our public schools and the larger community.
- To provide guidance for a child's educational path to maintain high quality education.
- To provide regular parent education with SWAP mentor teachers and community child development and learning experts.

What is the difference between SWAP and the regular South Whidbey School District Distance learning program?

The South Whidbey School District's regular distance learning model is fully led and directed by a district certificated grade level teacher. Teachers will provide the instructional program and students will submit work as directed by the teacher, to meet grade level learning standards and competencies.

The SWAP program is a partnership between grade level certificated teachers and parents, with parents taking the lead in delivering curriculum and instruction to their children. Teachers will work with participating SWAP parents to design learning experiences that meet grade level learning standards and competencies, but with parents taking the lead in developing and implementing the instruction. Parents will meet weekly with their certificated mentor teacher to discuss the child's program and review curriculum and resource needs. Parents, students and certificated teachers will meet monthly to track progress and confirm that the child is meeting necessary standards and competencies.

Who is eligible to participate in the SWAP program?

Any K-6 student who is enrolled in the South Whidbey School District for the 2020-2021 school year is eligible to enroll in the SWAP program.

What are the steps I need to take to enroll my child in the SWAP program?

The first step to participate in the SWAP program is to enroll your child in the South Whidbey School District. You can enroll your child by going to the online enrollment link here: <https://sw.wednet.edu/families/enrollment>

Next, complete the SWAP family questionnaire. Once your family questionnaire is submitted, you will be contacted by a member of the SWAP grade level team to engage in an interview to discuss the program requirements and confirm it is a good match for your child and family.

Once the interview process is complete and it is determined the program is a good match, families will work with their assigned mentor teacher to develop a learning plan and determine what curriculum and resources will be needed.

Further Questions?

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