

Onsite Support Services

AESS is pleased to announce, beginning August 17, 2020, **On-site Support Services** shall be available to students participating in the AESS Distance Learning Plan (A-DLP). On-site Services provide students with access to a free physical space from which they can access their online classrooms. Distance Learning students, who are in need of a safe supervised setting and/or who have specific needs that require support not available through other means, are encouraged to consider participating. On-site services ensure that all students have equal access to AESS's exceptional educational resources. On-site services are available during regular school hours, Monday through Friday.

Definitions as used by AESS

In-person Instruction: face-to-face, teacher-led instruction that occurs in a physical classroom on campus with students and teacher present.

Hybrid Model: Represents an instructional design that combines virtual and in-person. There are several variations of this model, however the AESS model is one in which some of the students enrolled in a classroom participate remotely via video conferencing, while other students enrolled in the same classroom are physically present while the instructor teaches both. This model provides several distinct advantages: students and/or parents are able to assess risk as related to Covid-19 as well as academic risk, psychological risk and their comfort level. As circumstances change, a student may be transfer from virtual to in-person or vice versa. Classroom membership remains constant, thus instructional continuity is not disrupted by students transferring between in-person and virtual modes. Parents are encouraged to consult Arizona Department of Health Services online where new benchmark recommendations are uploaded every Thursday. Additionally, the Hybrid Model allows AESS to “over respond” to any observed concerns without severely disrupting the lives of parents, students, or staff.

Distance learning Model: Video Conferencing conducted over the internet without any student being physically present. The AESS Model contains both synchronous and asynchronous components provided through online instruction.

AESS Onsite Support Services: support services offered directly to students:

1. A free on-site, physical space provided for distance-learning students. Open during regular school hours
2. Support Services and in-person instruction are not equivalent terms. The instructor of record is not likely to be physically present or monitor the students.
3. Available only when school is not open for in-person instruction across all grades
4. On-site support services eligibility requirements are as follows
 - a. Students who are in need of a supervised setting are eligible
 - b. Students do not have access to a stable internet connection are eligible
 - c. Students who are in need of a safe place to learn are eligible
 - d. Students with specific needs that require support not available through other means are eligible
 - e. Students who lack equal access to educational resources are eligible