



**Memphis Merit Academy
Special Populations Communication**

March 30, 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian of _____:

Memphis Merit Academy Charter School prioritizes the health and well being of our scholars, staff, and families. **In alignment with Shelby County Schools, Memphis Merit Academy Charter School is closed due the COVID-19 pandemic until further notice.** In an effort to continue learning for our special populations during this extended break, I, Tamika Kemmons-Ford, Student Support Coordinator, am providing you with a schedule for your child to continue learning and receiving services during these unprecedented times. Currently, Memphis Merit Academy has set up a **Distance Learning Program** online through Zoom. Families have access to this platform from 11:00--2:00PM daily for assistance with your scholar's Lifework packets with a certified Special Education Teacher, certified ELL Teacher, coordinated service providers and more. The Lifework packets were placed in your child's Lifework folder on Thursday, March 12, 2020. If you were not able to receive your child's Lifework, you may pick up a packet from in front of the school at any time. The packets are located in a clear bin at the front entrance of the school. Some of the activities included via Zoom Classrooms are as follows: Read Aloud, Reading Intervention, Math Intervention, and Literacy Oral Drill. The direct link to the Zoom room is <https://zoom.us/j/3524843650> for your scholar to access learning.

This service is offered in addition to the already pre-planned online tools and lessons provided by our general education teachers daily on www.memphismeritacademy.org. Your child's teacher has reached out via phone, text message, and email to date to ensure you are aware of services at Memphis Merit Academy. Please know that all special services, accommodations, and modifications will continue for students regardless of their IEP/ILP and Eligibility expiration dates. Meetings will be scheduled once classes resume, as needed. All scholars that have ongoing evaluations with the School Psychologist, Language/Speech Pathologist, school nurse, behavior intervention observations, and etc will be communicated accordingly based on individual student needs. We appreciate your patience during these unprecedented circumstances. **If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Tamika Kemmons-Ford, Student Support Coordinator at 901-827-2712.**

Committed to excellence,

Tamika Kemmons-Ford

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The following is a summary of service providers your child will access during Memphis Merit Academy's Distance Learning Program.

Activity	Interventionist	Time	Weekday	Material
Virtual Pullout Support	*Mrs. Kemmons-Ford	11:00-2:00PM	M, T, W, TH,	Pencil, Packet, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device
Language Intervention	SCS Speech Pathologist	Determined based on individual IEP	M, T, W, TH,	Pencil, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device
Reading Intervention	*Mrs. Kemmons-Ford	4:30 -5:00PM	M, T, W, TH,	Pencil, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device
Math Intervention	Mrs. Allgood	4:00-4:30PM	M, T, W, TH,	Pencil, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device
Language/ Speech Services	Contracted Service Provider	Will be assigned based on individual student's IEP	TBA	Pencil, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device
English Language Learners	Certified ELL Teacher	1:00-2:00PM	M, T, W, TH	Pencil, Paper,Crayon, Technology Device

***If there are any questions, please contact Student Support Coordinator Merit Lifework Hotline (901) 827-2712.**

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The following table is a list of suggestive websites for your family to engage in at home. This is not an exhaustive list, but a recommendation to supplement the resources listed at www.memphismeritacademy.org.

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE
Autism and Language Impaired	ABCs to ACTs this is a fantastic list of apps for children with Special Needs	http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2016/01/a-handy-chart-featuring-over-30-ipad.html
Literacy	Oral Drills Read Aloud Stories Literacy work on your child's individual level	All oral drills like in class- https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13cXzJ1Be9DMxjrGD3nk39_OleY_cRXUO www.storyonline.net www.lexiacore5.com www.K5Learning.com
Math	Math work on your child's individual level Interactive math games for your child	https://play.dreambox.com/login/qkpx/dbcn www.funbrain.com http://prodigygame.com http://khanacademy.org http://splashlearn.com
Science	Interactive science activities for your child to explore	http://discoverymindblown.com http://codeacademy.com http://amazingspace.org
Social Studies	Virtual tours for your child to learn about social studies	http://kids.nationalgeographic.com
Other	Access all distance learning resources for school	www.memphismeritacademy.org www.duolingo.com

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