



**What is the Active Classrooms program?**

PARA is collaborating with schools to provide an option for working parents while schools are in a virtual school year. K-8<sup>th</sup> grade learners in will experience a daily schedule including remote learning support time, physical activity, recess, group games, enrichment, arts and crafts, and more.

**Are Active Classrooms safe?** While there is no option that is 100% safe, we will follow guidelines by the CDC, ADPH and federal, state and local governments. Active Classrooms will be organized in small groups or pods to improve program safety.

**Will children be separated by age/grade? What about group size?** In order to implement best practices, learners will be organized in pods of 15, considering age and grade level. Pods may have learners from different grades. We will strive to organize similar age groups together.

**Will my child be required to wear a mask/face covering?** Learners must wear a mask to enter the Activity Center. He/she must wear a mask while participating in virtual learning. A face covering/mask is not required during recreational activities.

**Will learners be required to practice social distancing?** Yes, participants will be organized in small groups or pods and social distanced as much as possible.

**Will learners be assisted with classroom work?** Yes, learners will be assisted by facilitating instructors. Participants will have scheduled time for virtual learning with their school, (example—reading with a child who cannot yet read or homework help/tutoring). Learners will be in a socially distanced classroom during their virtual instruction with an instructor.

**What do I need to send with my child each day?**

You are responsible for providing your child with the following:

- face covering/mask
- lunch and two healthy snacks
- water bottle
- a towel or mat on which to sit
- your child's educational materials and his/her own fully charged digital device

Please write their name on each of their belongings with a Sharpie or other permanent ink.

**Will I need to provide any learning supplies?** Yes, your child will be required to bring his/her own fully charged digital device and any supplies needed for learning. Please write their name on their devices with a Sharpie or other permanent ink.

**Will kids be taking field trips, going off site?** Yes, the daily schedule will likely include visiting local parks and outdoor athletic facilities.

**What types of activities will they do outside of virtual learning?** Offerings include mindfulness practices, active play, hands-online literacy in small groups, STEAM Discovery, and character building.

**Will a breakfast or lunch be provided?** No, learners will need to provide their own lunch and two healthy snacks.

**How do I register for Active Classrooms? Can I attend daily or weekly?** Please visit <https://www.tcpara.org/recreation/parakids/activeclassrooms> for registration and more information. Registration is open on a daily or weekly basis. Extended Day programming is also available. You must register by Friday of the prior week so that we can properly plan for your learner.

**Where will Active Classrooms be offered?** Belk, Faucett, Miller and Phelps Centers will host the Active Classrooms program.

**What is the protocol if someone is sick?** All participants will have their temperature checked at entrance daily. If your child is exhibiting a fever or other symptoms, is sick or not feeling well, please stay home.

If your child gets sick during the day, the child will be moved to a predetermined safe area and parents will be contacted to pick up their child.

If a child exhibits symptoms, has been exposed or tests positive to COVID-19, the child will be moved to a predetermined safe area and parents will be contacted to pick up their child. We will follow guidelines by CDC and ADPH when responding to individual incidents.

**What is the ratio for learner to instructor?** Pods of 15 will be supported by one facilitating instructor and floating co-instructors.

**Will backpacks be allowed?** Non-lined mesh or clear bags are preferred. Learners will carry their digital device in their backpack which will be kept in a safe room location throughout the day.

**Will my learner's things remain in a designated space throughout the day?** Learner's items will be placed in a designated space throughout the day and sometimes carried along on outings as needed.

**Will my learner need to bring a water bottle?** Yes, please provide your learner with a water bottle with their name clearly indicated.

**What are the drop off/pick up procedures?** Parents and children are required to wear a mask to drop off and pick up. They will sign in and out each morning and afternoon.

**Will everyone's temperature be checked at the beginning of the day?** Yes, your learner and instructor's temperature will be checked daily at entrance. If he/she does not feel well or are sick, please stay home.

**Do you offer participation to non-Tuscaloosa County residents?** If the program is not at capacity, out of county learners may participate. All learners need to bring their own educational materials and assigned educational materials.

**What about a supply list?** PARA is accepting donations for learning supplies. A complete list is available by visiting <https://www.tcpa.org/recreation/parakids/activeclassrooms>

**Are scholarships available?** If you would like to make a donation to help a learner participate you can make a check payable to the PARA Foundation or donate online at <https://www.tcpa.org/donate> and designate for Active Classrooms scholarship.

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