

Introducing!

# the CAL MicroPods Together in Remote Learning

Do you have questions about the new school year?

**Colorado AeroLab** is here to help you!

Home-based options are available for those who are unsure about returning to full-time, in-person learning. Schools are creating flexible options for students to learn online. The CAL Staff is here to help you and your child thrive in remote learning.

Small group “learning pods” provide a consistent, safe learning environment for your kids to get help with online schoolwork and socialize with their peers.

A MicroPod is a **small group of 5-10 students** who choose to stay in the same group and do remote learning together. MicroPods meet weekly in-person for academic work, physical activity, socializing with peers, project-based learning and Genius Hour passion projects. **Our goal is to make learning fun and healthy!**

We ask students and families to make a commitment to attend all MicroPod days, except of course, on days when students are ill. MicroPods is designed as an alternative environment for families who want to continue remote, home-based learning, so we will require a **formal registration process** to participate and cannot accommodate drop-in students. Drop-in activity days may be scheduled later during the year.

MicroPod participants will work together to set up a group guideline of how all families will conduct themselves to protect everyone’s health and safety. By choosing to join a MicroPod, families agree to follow the safety guidelines outside the pod to limit exposure to illness. The goal is to enable safer and more casual socialization among MicroPod participants—meaning less masking and less distancing when together. When families deviate from the guidelines, they will be expected to self-quarantine away from the pod until they can re-join activities.

MicroPods meet **Monday through Thursday for 4-hours each day** at various locations. Each MicroPod day will look a little different.

Every day will include **1-2 hours for students to complete their formal schoolwork**. We will also have plenty of time to focus on **physical activity** and **small group fun time** through Games-with-Lessons; design challenges and hands-on experiments; and Genius Hour where kids can explore their own **passion projects**.

The MicroPods calendar will closely follow the West Grand and East Grand school district calendars to help busy families. MicroPods cost \$325 per month which covers the cost of a Learning Coach, facility use, operating expenses and student supplies. Registration is required and payment is due each month in advance. Scholarships for families in financial need may be available.

**Questions? Email us at [info@coloradoaerolab.org](mailto:info@coloradoaerolab.org)**

