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Southwest Leadership Students Learning From Home

Teachers and students at Southwest Leadership Academy in Phoenix, a 9-12 alternative charter high school are all learning new skills. Teachers have been creating You Tube lessons for students, they are preparing packets of instruction and work assignments, they are each calling 25 or more students daily, they are texting students, conducting threaded discussions on email and conducting zoom conference calls and instructional classes. Teachers are also sending handwritten notes to students by mail to be sure that we maintain the human touch. Whew this was a lot to learn and do in a couple of days but the SLA teachers and staff are getting it done!

Students are being engaged and keeping up with their studies and can drop off work in the school parking lot daily so teachers can grade their work and adjust the instruction they are receiving. Staff members are also delivering packets to students' homes. Most students seem to be eager to stay up with their studies and the 80+ students who are scheduled to graduate this year want to pass their courses before the end of the semester. Special needs students are getting their instruction from SLA's certified special education teacher, Joan Figuracion, and making every effort to satisfy their IEP requirements and services.

With the good possibility that on-site schooling in Arizona will be discontinued through the rest of the school year, teachers continue to crank out lessons daily, making their calls and producing two You tube lessons everyday but SLA is committed to ensuring instruction continues at the highest level possible while we protect ourselves from the nasty Corona Virus at home. The graduation ceremony may be postponed this year but learning is not.

Thanks to the leadership of SLA principal, Dr. Greg Fowler, and assistant principal, Jessica Vensel, teachers are getting clear instructions daily and their work with students is being monitored and being made part of the teacher's annual evaluation.
