Lamar will have three digital support teachers at the beginning of the school year: Leah Cooper, Krisanna Byars, and Janay Kuykendall. Families will find out soon which teacher will be your primary point of contact. Mrs. Cooper has taught at Lamar for the last four years. Mrs. Byars taught elementary school for 16 years and has focused on literacy intervention at Lamar. Ms. Kuykendall is a certified special education teacher and will mostly be checking in with our virtual students who have special needs.

**How Does the Virtual Academy Work?**

While there are some aspects that are the same in the Virtual Academy as when attending school in person, there are some differences. The digital support teacher will be monitoring progress and providing support when needed. Your child will be working through lessons set up within modules. The lessons and modules must be completed in order. The work you are doing within the lessons will either be completed online or in the workbook. Work completed within the workbook will need to be uploaded to me; this can be accomplished by scanning or by snapping a picture with a phone and sending to me via email.

**Learning Coach**

Learning Coach is a term you will see throughout the program. The term Learning Coach refers to the person who is face to face with the student in the home.

Role of the Learning Coach:

* Guide the student through the lessons, tools, and games as needed
* Oversee assignments and help facilitate hands on learning
* Check for understanding and discuss concepts being taught
* Keep the student on schedule and on pace
* Ensure components are done with fidelity
* Communicate with Digital Support Teacher as needed
* Celebrate student’s success!

Additional information for the Learning Coach can be found here: <http://www.virtualschoolresourcecenter.com/resources/parent-learning-coach-resources/>

**Supplies/Materials**

Each lesson within the module contains a materials list. You will find that the supplies needed are the same as what would be needed in the classroom. Setting up a work station with supplies like a pencil, eraser, crayons, paper, glue, and scissors will be sufficient for most lessons.

**Communication**

Please know that we are available to support you in your child’s educational journey. Our primary purpose is to see your child be successful. Digital Support Teacher’s contact information:

School Phone Number:\_\_\_\_(325) 947-3900\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: [\_\_krisanna.byars@saisd.org](mailto:__krisanna.byars@saisd.org), [leah.cooper@saisd.org](mailto:leah.cooper@saisd.org), and [Janay.kuykendall@said.org](mailto:Janay.kuykendall@said.org)

**Thank you so much! We look forward to working with you this year!**