

## 2020-21 HIGH SCHOOL REMOTE LEARNING

November 18-December 18, school is remote for 9th-12th grades only

When school is closed by authorities, we will follow this Remote Learning Plan.

Last spring, Michigan schools had to convert to Remote Learning, and it was a more relaxed way of doing school for a sudden, emergency situation. The intent was mainly to *maintain*, and to move forward with new content *as possible*. This year, instruction will be far more rigorous, and expectations are high. The required standards for learning in each course must be met. Students are expected to be present in Virtual School every scheduled day, Monday through Friday. *Attendance will be taken*. Homework will be assigned. Grades will count. Learning will continue, unabated.

Schools must meet this year's attendance and instruction requirements set by the State of Michigan: if schools are shut down for in-person instruction, they must continue to provide the same level of instruction students would have received if they were in person--this applies for all 180 days of the school year. In addition, teachers know that, to meet students' academic needs--for them to learn what they need to learn in order to master content and progress--once-a-week classes and reduced assignments will not suffice.

### Class Schedule:

High School/Middle School (6th-12th Grade) Classes are Monday through Thursday at approximately the regular class time, for one hour each. The platform for instruction will be Google Meet. Teachers will share the Meet links with students. Students can access their Google Meet class sessions using cell phones (or tablets or computers).

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| <u>Monday-Thursday:</u><br>1st period: 8:25-9:25<br>2nd period: 9:45-10:45<br>3rd period: 11:05-12:05<br>4th period: 1:05-2:05<br>5th period: 2:25-3:25                | <u>Half-Day Schedule (<a href="#">Tuesday, November 24</a>)</u><br>1st period: 8:25-8:55<br>2nd period: 9:10-9:40<br>3rd period: 9:55-10:25<br>4th period: 10:40-11:10<br>5th period: 11:25-11:55 |
| <u>Friday</u> is designated for teacher office hours and small-group sessions. Teachers will tell students if/when they will be expected to meet with them on Fridays. |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### Homework/Classwork:

Work will be assigned and submitted through Google Classroom, in most cases. (Some teachers *may*, instead, have students submit homework via email or other methods. They will let the student know if this is the case.) If students are having trouble with Google Classroom, they should contact their classroom teacher. Parents do not need to know the ins and outs of Google Classroom--the students have already been introduced to and are familiar with this. All work that is assigned will be due according to the due date the teacher indicates. (Due dates are important this fall!) Students and families may also check PowerSchool to double-check when assigned work is due.

## Grading:

Grades for assigned work, projects, tests, etc. will be issued just as if we were in regular school. Grades during 2020-21 Remote Learning count for credit, and will be included to determine final grades and student GPAs.

## Anticipated Issues:

- **“We don’t have a computer.”**
  - You may borrow a school Chromebook, if needed. *Please contact Mr. O’Connor at 482-5800 x3050.* Before you will be able to borrow a Chromebook, you must fill out the [Chromebook Loaner Agreement](#). The loaner agreement is not a sign-up. You must contact Mr. O’Connor to borrow one.
  - Chromebooks will be loaned to MS/HS families who *need* them, but elementary students do not need a Chromebook.
- **“We don’t have wifi.”**
  - First, contact the school to let us know. For HS/MS, call Rachel Griffin at 482-5800 x2110. We will work to provide you a work-around. Remember that anyone can drive to the school to use the wifi extending to the street in front of school, to download the needed material and watch and/or complete it later. (This does not work for Google Meet videos, but if someone wants to participate in a live Meet session, they can do this from their car, if desired.)
- **“We have internet, but we have more than one student logging in at the same time, and our bandwidth isn’t strong enough to support that.”**
  - Students should be present in the live Google Meets whenever possible, and attendance will be taken. However, if it is not possible, due to a legitimate conflict or issue, the student is expected to communicate this directly with the teacher before the scheduled class session (by email is fine). If a student cannot make it to a class, the teacher will make the class session video available to them, and will likely have them answer questions or otherwise prove that they watched it, to ensure all students keep up to date on the instruction. If this is a regularly occurring issue, contact the school office.
- **“We have elementary and middle/high school students in the same house, all needing to go to live-streamed class every day.”**
  - Elementary Meets are intentionally scheduled at different times from middle/high school sessions to ensure families do not have conflicts based on this factor.

## The HS/MS student’s responsibilities during Remote Learning:

- Check school email frequently.
- Attend Google Meet class Monday through Thursday at the scheduled time.
- If you cannot attend the live Google Meet class for a legitimate reason, contact the teacher in advance. (Please note that a conflict with work is not a legitimate reason. School is in session, and employers should not schedule students to work while school is in session. This is the law. Contact the office if this comes up.)
- Complete all assigned work.
- Submit work *by the due date*.
- If a teacher contacts you directly, communicate back with them within 24 hours.
- If the teacher instructs you to meet with them or a small group on Friday, make sure it happens.
- Do your best at Virtual Learning; try to stay safe until we meet in person again.

**Best wishes to all for 2020-21 Remote Learning!**