



Black Horse Pike Regional School District Online Learning Information for Parents

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In an effort to promote social distancing, engage in learning opportunities remotely, and avail students of educational continuity, our teaching staff will be designing and delivering instruction through Google Classroom and other technological applications. Based on recommendations of the Departments of Health and Education, Governor Murphy, and the CDC, we expect that this mode of educational learning will be a consistency for at least two weeks, but may be utilized longer. It is imperative that our students are engaged remotely with teachers, reading materials when asked, turning assignments in on time, and collaborating with peers remotely through classroom designed lessons. If you have any questions about the delivery of instruction, please email your teachers, as they will be checking email everyday and posting assignments daily or weekly.

Online Learning will be delivered through Google Classroom. This is not new to our students or teachers. Our teachers and students have been using this learning management system for over 3 years. Students should be familiar with the navigation of the platform and the accompanying G Suite tools that integrate. However, if students are having problems, support will be provided.

Teacher expectations:

- Teachers will post their daily assignments to their Google Classroom by 9:00 am each morning according to their class rotation.
- Teachers' posts will include instructional lessons and supporting materials.
- Teachers may assign quizzes or alternate forms of assessments. Many major assessments for the 3rd quarter may be held until we resume school.
- Each post will include interactive assignments or activities that students must complete
- Teachers will be planning a maximum of 3-4 hours of class work per week. This will include time for reading instructional materials, watching instructional videos, and completing work.

- Differentiated Assignment to meet student accommodations/modifications will continue to occur discretely as it is a feature of Google Classroom.
- Teachers will be communicating through Google Classroom, Email, Google Meet, Remind, and other approved technology tools daily.
- In addition to regular communication via approved methods, teachers will be holding virtual offices hours. During this two hour window, students can email, Google Chat, and/or Google Meet to get live help, feedback, and support. Hours will vary and will be posted on the teacher's Google Classroom.

Students expectations:

- Students will be expected to have an online presence as evidenced through completed activities, assignments, discussion and other posted interactions. Teachers will be contacting parents, administration and counselors if students are not completing their work.
- The Black Horse Pike School District understands that this situation affects families differently. With that in mind, students will be required to log in daily, but not be required to log in at certain times.
- Students will be expected to log into their Google Classroom Daily and complete the daily assignments posted for each class by 11:59pm.
- Teachers understand that some students may not have access to the internet to adhere to the due date. Please make sure that this is communicated to the teacher so adjustments can be made. If you do not have internet access, you can call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) for \$10/month. Comcast is offering this for free for two months for low income families.
- Students will be expected to communicate with teachers if they need help, support, or experiencing problems with technology.
- Students can also contact their School Counselor, Child Study team Case manager, School Librarian and Reading Specialist if they need assistance.
- The Black Horse Pike School District has added additional tools to deliver online learning. These tools include the ability to video chat, share screen, and text chat. These tools are to be used for educational purposes only and as directed by the teachers.

What Can Parents do?

- Please monitor your student's chromebook usage. They should be used for educational purposes.
- Please remind your student of appropriate conduct online while participating in online chats, discussion, or video meetings. The transcripts of such interactions are recorded. Any interactions that violate the code of conduct can result in disciplinary action. (ie. bullying)
- Check in with your student. Have they been completing their work? Are they having trouble with anything?
- Monitor their Genesis Parent Access account. Teachers will be posting grades.

- Sign up for Google Classroom Guardian Summaries([click here to see an overview](#)). You can do that by contacting your student's teachers and requesting an invite.
- Not sure what Google Classroom is? [Click here for a parent guide](#)