

March 19, 2020

Dear NKHS Families,

The high school distance learning plan is going to look different than a typical day of school. Because students will not have locker time, hall passing, and an interactive learning environment, the day will not be as long as our usual school day. The communication methods with students' teachers will also differ. This is what you can expect to see, hear, experience with a distance learning education:

- ★ Students will access all of their work by using their teacher's Google Classroom page. All teachers have one, including special educators. Ask your child to show you what they need to do as you will be monitoring their work production.
- ★ In the first few days, students may see only core class assignments posted. As the week progresses, expect to see work/assignments being posted by elective teachers. Courses such as music and Physical Education present special challenges for distance learning. Those teachers need a bit of time to creatively address this challenge.
- ★ Students have the flexibility to watch their teacher's instruction and complete their work on their own timetable; however, setting a routine is extremely important to keep students on task to complete their assignments. We suggest that the high school students are working from 9 - 11 am and from 12 - 2 pm. Additional hours in the evening may be needed to complete written assignments.
- ★ All work is due to teachers as posted on Google Classroom. Students and parents need to be aware of submission deadlines and adhere to them. Students with accommodations should consult with their teacher and case manager about assignment timelines.
- ★ Teachers will have "live" office hours via Google Meet where students can join in and participate in question/answer sessions. Office hour times will be shared with families so students know when teachers are available. Our faculty is collaborating to provide the best service possible for distance learning. If your student misses or is unable to join their own teacher's session, they may request to join sessions posted by teachers of the same course. Teachers will also be monitoring their email throughout the day when not engaged in CPT or course Google Meets. Fridays are set aside for students to set up appointments to either conference call or have a set time to meet with said teacher.
- ★ This is a new process for everyone, so it will not be perfect. Please reach out to any of the people you normally use as resources - administrators, teachers, and guidance counselors. Asking questions via email is expected and encouraged. The main goal is for students to have access and engage in their education and learn the distance learning process. We can do it!

Sincerely,

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