

HAHS - Remote Learning

Beginning March 30, 2020

Introduction:

Due to the Covid-19 virus, Illinois school closures are stretching into April and will probably continue for an undetermined length of time. Hoopston Area High School faculty/staff feel an ethical responsibility to provide students with remote learning opportunities.

Purposes:

The purposes of providing remote learning opportunities for students are:

- To decrease the long-term effect of school closure on student achievement
 - Illinois State Board of Education does not allow student work to have a negative impact on the student's grades during the school closure.
 - ISBE encourages teachers to provide students with instructional feedback to enhance learning.
- To support student learning and continuity of education
- To engage student minds
- To move curriculum forward

It is understood that the quality and quantity of education and materials will not be the same as in the school classroom (see *Work Expectations*). However, HAHS hopes to engage students in remote learning opportunities without:

- Overwhelming students
- Frustrating parents
- Overwhelming teachers

Parental Role:

HAHS teachers need your support in order to make remote learning successful. Remote learning is not intended to overwhelm or frustrate parents. Teachers will provide instruction and learning activities. It would be helpful if parents would provide:

- A quiet place for students to learn.
- A quiet time for students to learn.
- Assistance for students when requested. However, you are not alone. Teachers will be available to offer assistance as well. See *Online Learning Activities*.

Encourage students to please be checking their school emails and their Google classrooms daily for information from their teachers and the school. This will be the primary form of communication used.

Students Role:

- Add feedback/discuss topics/issues
- Reach out with questions or concerns
- Commit to and engage in this reimagined educational environment
- Complete assignments and assessments in a timely fashion
- Be flexible and understanding as Instructors navigate this new territory

Work Expectations:

A typical school day consists of a little less than 7 hours. Our goal is to engage students in remote learning for

an average of 2 ½ - 3 hours per day. Some days may be longer and some shorter. Students, please be checking your school emails and your Google classrooms daily for information from your teachers and the school. Students will be given assignments on Monday to be turned in on Friday each week.

Any student who is enrolled in Dual Credit classes, College Express, or classes at the Higher Learning Center should also be checking their DACC accounts for important information that is being communicated by their DACC professors.

Any student who is enrolled in an Edgenuity course now has home access to those accounts and should continue to complete that work.

Methods:

HAHS teachers will provide remote learning opportunities both for students who have access to the Internet at home and those who do not. It is not expected that a student will complete both sets of activities. Either a student may complete the **printed learning packet** or may complete the **online learning activities**.

Printed Learning Packets:

Teachers will provide printed packets of learning materials for students who don't have Internet access at home. Printed packets will be available every Monday at the following locations:

- Hoopeston Area High School
- Coffee Shop @ 112 East Main Street, Hoopeston - 11:00 - 12:00
- Sack lunch distribution sites in East Lynn, Wellington, Rankin - 11:00 - 12:00

Again, these printed packets are only available for students who don't have Internet access at home. Students that have Internet access will be engaged with online learning activities.

Students can turn in any printed work in the following ways:

- Take a picture of the assignment and send the picture by email to the teacher
- Hand in the assignment to the front office during open office hours and administration will get the work to the appropriate teacher

Online Learning Activities:

We realize that most of our students' homes have Internet access. This means that most students will connect with their teachers via their school emails and Google Classroom. Students can expect that on Monday of each week, teachers will post a list of learning activities students are to complete by the end of the week. This will be accompanied by videos and other resources that students can access for learning. Additionally, teachers will post times of availability that will allow students to video conference with teachers and classmates via Google Meet, Zoom, or other such video conferencing technology. Teachers will be standing by to support student learning.

Online learning requires appropriate etiquette so here are a few simple reminders:

- Check Google Classroom and email daily.
- Use Google Classroom only for school-related business.
- Follow school expectations for language and politeness; be respectful when commenting/responding to classmates.

Special Education:

For students identified with a disability, special education teachers and related service providers will be collaborating with the general education teachers to provide accommodations and modifications to the general education remote learning curriculum. Students will be working toward meeting their goals and objectives as defined in their IEP through various means of instruction.

Summary:

HAHS faculty/staff are committed to serving your students during this unique time. Good communication between home and school will help us succeed. Please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher via whatever means works best for you. Additionally, HAHS Administration intends to maintain open hours at HAHS every Monday and Friday from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and every Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm beginning Monday, March 30th. We are hopeful to see students soon and encourage all students to keep up with their classes so whenever we return to school we can hit the ground running. We look forward to serving you and your children.