



REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Coyote Families,

This letter is to inform the families who chose the Learn From Home option during registration what to expect in the first trimester. We know there are many questions, and we hope to answer as many of those as possible.

Students will be able to pick up their chromebooks Tuesday, August 25 through Thursday, August 27 from the high school office between 8 am - 3 pm.

Students will be taught the RCHS curriculum virtually by their RCHS teachers using Google Classroom. We feel this is the best course of action due to the fluidity of family choices each trimester. If a student decides to return to in-person learning in the second trimester, it will be a smoother transition than if they were taking courses through another learning management system. Therefore, students will follow their schedule in Skyward (we will be adjusting schedules in the coming week, so be checking often).

Unlike our spring distance learning plan, the 2020-2021 learn from home option requires students to complete all work and tests assigned as all work will be graded and count toward the end of marking period grades and grade point average. Grades also will count toward athletic eligibility. It is imperative students stay on task with their courses.

Students may be required to Google Meet (virtual meeting similar to Zoom) up to twice a week depending on course requirement. For attendance purposes, students will be required to have two-way communication with their teacher at least twice a week (Google Meet will qualify for two-way communication -- as well as phone call, non-group text, non-group email.)

Learn from Home students will not have "live" instruction from their teachers, but rather, will have recorded lessons from their teachers posted in Google Classroom. In-person instruction will begin on Monday, August 31st. Your teachers will send you emails with links to their Google Classrooms, so please be checking your school emails for your invites. Please allow teachers 24-48 hours to post their recordings after first giving instruction to in-person students.

All RCHS students will be using Google Classroom; therefore, learn from home students will be assigned the same homework, quizzes, and tests as the in-person students for the sake of continuity of learning and fluidity of family choice to return to in-person learning. Due dates for learn from home students will

correspond with posting dates (i.e.- all students will be given the same amount of time to complete the assignments). **Students will be expected to keep strong adherence to due dates.**

If learn from home students require additional help, they should contact their teacher to set up a time for tutoring. Teachers will be able to set up a time with 48 hours to assist with tutoring.

It is imperative that the learn from home students stay in constant communication with their teachers to ensure success in this new form of education. Students should check their school emails daily to ensure communication is occurring, as this is the preferred method of communication. Staff can be communicated with between the hours of 8 am - 4 pm, with the understanding that it may take up to 24 hours to respond (teachers are also teaching in-person, coaching, performing other school responsibilities and may not be available for an immediate response).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new way of teaching. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at 832-2224.

Go Coyotes,

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