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DISTANCE LEARNING

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WELCOME!

Your distance learning teachers are Mr. Nielsen, for English, Social Studies, and electives and Miss Kohler, for Math and Science.

While your Edgenuity courses are self-paced for assignments, you will be required to attend each of your classes every school day. We will be in constant communication with you to track your progress and support you in this new experience. At the end of the school year, we want you to not only have had success in your courses, but enjoyed your experience learning from home! To do this, we want to work with families to make a strong team to support our students through two-way communication.

With so many changes this school year, we would like to say to please be flexible. Teaching online is a new experience for us as your distance learning teachers, but we are so excited for a unique and different way of learning and teaching!

We know that students and families have never had to welcome their teachers and school community into their homes in this way, and we appreciate and honor this commitment. If there are any questions or concerns, please send them our way.

DAILY EXPERIENCE

- Students log in to Edgenuity and work on all courses for about 5.5 hours per day.
- Schoolwork done in a space where students can work distraction free.
- Teachers and families will be monitoring student's progress and grades.
- Tutoring sessions via zoom and phone with teachers.
- Emailing pictures of assignment questions for video response support

LEARNING MANAGEMENT

- o Set up a daily routine
- Teachers will contact students in Edgenuity email, Collaboration Corner, and Announcements
- Attendance in each course each day
- Session logs show time logged in, time spent working, and time spent not working.



Students are not required to work over school breaks or days off in the school district. We will all be working together as a team to support your student!



PROGRESS & GRADES

- Weekly Edgenuity progress report emails on Monday mornings
- Direct emails in Edgenuity to students
- Academic warnings halfway through quarter
- Progress reports at the end of each quarter

CONTACTING US

- Office hours during Enrichment and 7th period
- Email and phone during the school day (7:30 am – 2 pm)
- o Zoom during school day
- Conferences outside of school hours available until 4 pm

LET'S TALK

EDGENUITY SPECIFICS

The courses on Edgenuity are selfpaced. There are dates for assignments, but those are suggestions. They are there to help students stay on pace to finish their courses by the end of the semester. However, if they do not complete the assignments on the day that Edgenuity suggests, there is no penalty. The only due date is the end of the semester in December.

Most announcements from teachers will be on Announcement on Edgenuity and emails to families. As a final note, there are **no** regularly scheduled Zoom or Microsoft Teams meetings in our full distance learning. We are available during office hours for individual meetings.

There may be some supervised open Zoom meetings this semester for students to get together and talk with their teachers, but those details and links will come through the Collaboration Corner.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

To be marked as "present," students must log in to Edgenuity and work in every class, every school day. This can be done any time of the day (12:01 am – 11:59 pm). If students are ahead in a course and would prefer to spend the time working on another course, **the student must email** Miss Kohler (Math/Science) or Mr. Nielsen (ELA/SS/Electives) through Edgenuity.



MATERIALS NEEDED

- Students need access to a laptop or computer to submit assignments.
- Laptops and hotspots are available upon request (limited quantity).
- Microsoft office is available for all students via WCSD. Students will need Microsoft Word and PowerPoint to complete assignments.
- Important internet note for Charter Spectrum customers: Use 5g internet connection



1. Have a designated study area where you will complete your coursework and meetings with your teachers.

2.Log in to your Edgenuity courses at each class time.

3. Stay on pace to finish your courses by the end of the semester. Your progress bar should be blue or green at all times! 4. Communicate! We are online when you are online, available to answer questions and meet regularly throughout the school day.

5. Take notes!

6. Use the student tools in Edgenuity during your classes! There are many tools built in, like transcripts and captions, read aloud, translations, glossary, and word look up to help you complete your assignments.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

QUIZZES & TESTS

- Notes can be used on assignments, quizzes, and tests!
- Students get 3 attempts on quizzes.
- Retakes on tests are available upon request.
- Students should study be reviewing notes and scheduling meeting with their teacher to review.

Students will need to pass the final exam in each course with a 60% or better to finish the course.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Families are the strongest influencers on their students. We need to work together to ensure your student is successful! Talk with students daily about how their online work went. Discuss the weekly progress reports at home. Include extended family members in your discussions and support!



SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 1st period **ELA** 8:24 am - 2nd period Math 9:10 am - 3rd period **Science** 9:56 am – 4th period **Social Studies** 10:42 am - 5th period **Career Exploration** 11:28 am - Enrichment **Office Hours** 11:58 am - Lunch 12:33 pm - 6th period **Digital Citizenship** 1:19 pm – 7th period **Office Hours**