



Akron Central School District

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear Parents and Families of Akron Middle and High School,

As you know, our students' safety and well-being is our first priority. We also recognize that with the ever-changing models of education right now, we must be prepared to make changes at any time. At this time, Akron Central School District has announced we will pivot to a fully remote model beginning Monday December 14th, 2020 and lasting through the Holiday break.

In consulting with students, parents, and teachers to generate feedback throughout our planning, we heard a common theme amongst each group. We must devise a plan that provides structure and consistency for our students. We also recognize that a full day of screen time is not in our students' best interest. Students are expected to follow their regular schedule, period by period, Monday through Friday. Periods will be 26 minutes long, which includes three minutes in-between each class to transition. We have not removed lunch from their daily schedule to allow for an additional break from screen time. Additionally, students are not expected to log in for any scheduled study halls. We have attached a copy of both the Middle and High School schedules for you.

During these shortened periods, students will follow their schedule and be given appropriate instructional experiences such as direct instruction from teachers, video lessons and/or assignments directly related to the student's classes. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and check in with their teachers during a modified 9th period scheduled each day from 12:39-1:20. The end of the day (1:20-2:30) will be structured so that students have time each day to complete assignments for their various courses posted through Schoology. Students will have assignments, similar to their regular homework, which they may need to complete daily outside of their 26-minute class periods.

The modified 9th period scheduled from 12:39-1:20 is an opportunity for students to meet with their teachers to ask questions or for clarification. Students should pre-arrange a Google Meet with a teacher prior to 9th period to ensure the teacher is available during that time. We understand that students and/or parents may have additional questions for teachers or staff members. When emailing or messaging teachers, we ask for your patience in allowing for at least 24 hours for a response. Our teachers have been working diligently to meet the needs of our students, and in addition to their own families or personal lives, we must be mindful of their time outside of school. For more helpful information for parents, please visit our school webpage at www.akronschools.org.

Students will be expected to complete the mandatory remote daily attendance form on our Akron webpage, just as they do now, by 9:00 AM. We expect that all students be fully engaged with both cameras and microphones on. It is imperative that all students check their Akron school email and Schoology accounts daily to stay on top of their assignments and remain fully engaged in their learning.

We are committed to planning for a smooth transition for students, teachers, and families. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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