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TVHS Virtual Learning Option Winter 2020

Description: eLearning curriculum is a viable learning option for students; however, eLearning cannot always mirror the full experience of in-person instruction. Tippecanoe Valley High School expects any student who chooses the virtual learning option to be committed to protecting themselves, and others, by following CDC guidelines and ISDH health guidelines. We stress that this decision of whether to attend in-person or virtual learning should be one made collectively between parent/guardian and student. Parents/guardians must clearly communicate the reasoning with TVHS administration. A doctor's note or feedback, could be requested at the discretion of TVHS administration.

Designed For:

- a.) Students who have at-risk health conditions or unique needs.
- b.) Students/parents who are uncomfortable attending school in an in-person setting, due to the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- c.) Additionally any student who participates in extra-curricular activities (academic teams, athletics, e-sports, FFA, musical/theater, robotics, etc.) who is concerned with the current status of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Deadline to register: By November 27th any parent/guardian of a student who is changing their school placement to virtual schooling must request this change in writing to school principal, Brandon Kresca via email, krescab@tvsc.k12.in.us.

Participation in Co-curriculars (Band & Choir):

Band and choir are considered co-curricular activities, meaning there is a required TVHS course paired with the extra-curricular aspect of these organizations. In summary, students must attend choir/band class in order to participate in performances.

If a music student is considering virtual learning as a school placement, students are able to pursue their interests in music through an online course titled “Music Appreciation”, however students are not able to participate in band or choir as a virtual learning option due to the co-curricular nature and expectations.

Parent Request for In-Person Attendance for Specific Classes

TVHS will begin allowing students who are virtual, the ability to attend specific in-person courses per request. These requests should be emailed to principal, Brandon Kresca by November 27th as well. Courses most likely to be approved are core academic courses, specifically dual credit courses that will prove more difficult virtually. There will be no movement of scheduled class periods for the remainder of first semester. Requests to change any courses for the start of second semester should follow procedures through the guidance office.

Virtual Learning Platforms:

- Microsoft One Note/Microsoft Teams
- Digital textbook materials
- APEX Learning
- TVSC student e-mail via Microsoft Outlook
- *Other platforms as deemed necessary

Engagement Expectations: Students are expected to work on lessons/assignments every day pursuant the TVSC school calendar and during school hours. Students whom choose virtual learning, will be communicated/assigned a virtual schedule. Students will be required to attend video classroom instruction sessions and check-in's with virtual teachers, during scheduled times. Students who do not engage daily with the eLearning expectations will lose the option to remain virtual, and be expected to return to in-person daily attendance at school. Students will take a full seven period day schedule.

TVHS Virtual Learning Requirements:

1. Mandatory attendance at all required Microsoft Teams video meetings.
2. Completion of classroom assignments/instruction posted in Microsoft Teams by due dates.
3. Completion of APEX Learning- Time on task & quizzes/units completed per expectations (detailed below).

Expectations/Consequences for Virtual Student Involved in Extra-Curriculars

1. Any student wishing to participate in extra-curriculars must be in good standing in all of their classes, no D's/F's or missing assignments.
2. Required attendance at preliminary virtual meeting with administration and/or coach/sponsor during week of November 30th.
3. Weekly grade/attendance checks by coach/sponsor.
4. Study tables (missing practice) required for any absence or missing assignment during week.
5. Any F on official grade check (5th & 9th week) = virtual option removed.
6. 2 or more D's on official grade check (5th & 9th week) = virtual option removed.
7. Consistent absences of class Microsoft Teams meetings, once hit 5 absences = virtual option removed.

Remote Learning and the Indiana Compulsory Attendance Law:

Students are expected to comply with Indiana State Law regarding attendance. In order to assure necessary instructional time for appropriate student learning regular attendance is expected of all children. Attendance shall mean to be physically present in a school or at another location where the school's educational program is being conducted during regular school hours on a day in which the educational program in which the student is enrolled is being offered (including a mandatory videoconference, phone conference, or other virtual environment during e-learning days or as part of a distance learning program). Every student is expected to be present for their educational program every day.

Virtual Learning Teachers: Virtual learning will be delivered by a combination of the student's assigned classroom teacher and an assigned virtual learning coach, whom is a licensed teacher in that content area.

Provided Technology: Returning TVHS students will continue to use their Dell laptop. These should already be in the possession of students who took them home for eLearning this past spring. Students who are new to TVHS, who choose the eLearning option, will need to contact the school office and set up a time to pick up a laptop and charger.

eLearning Commitment/Transition Times: Students must commit to doing the distance education program for a full quarter (9 weeks), or for the remainder of the quarter. Students must receive a quarter grade for all classes before they are allowed to transition back to in-person classes. Students may transition from in-person to eLearning at points determined by TVHS staff based on situation and need. The length of time will also be determined.

Internet Requirement: You must have a reliable phone number, working email address that is checked consistently, and most importantly reliable internet service in order to consider virtual learning. Resources by contacting the school, for families who need assistance obtaining reliable internet service.

Standardized Testing: During certain times of the year, it may be necessary for in person standardized testing to occur. When this must happen, we will work to accommodate any virtual learning student, however they may be required to enter the school building for assessments. Assessments that will be required in-person: ISTEP, PSAT, ASVAB, etc. NWEA testing may be able to be done remotely, but virtual students will still be required to take these diagnostic tests.

Enrolling Student for Virtual Learning: See link on website. Please contact TVHS principal, Mr. Kresca to inform of the decision to go virtual. Please contact via email at krescab@tvsc.k12.in.us, or phone 574-598-2100.