Collins Hill High School

Digital Learning Parent Information Fall 2020

On Wednesday August 12th, Collins Hill High School will kick-off its twenty-seventh year, and its first start with all students engaged in Digital Learning. Our faculty and staff are committed to the success of all our students, and we are looking forward to an exceptional and unique learning experience for every student. Digital learning is not perfect. However, we have continued to improve our structures, processes, expectations, and practices over the summer, and these improvements will help us meet the academic, as well as the social and emotional needs, of our students. Please know that while we are thrilled to welcome over 2800 students this year, we are more excited about the personalized and unique learning experiences that we will offer each student this year!

Schedule – Focused, Flexible, and Student-Centered

Collins Hill will leverage a regular schedule for Digital Learning because it allows students and teachers to have time in class each day and allows teachers time to work with students in small groups. Students will not have to sit at their computers all day every day, but students should expect to participate regularly in each class for 30 – 45 minutes on the days that live lessons are scheduled. Students will need to check their Academy eCLASS page as well as teachers will be checking student progress and providing weekly lessons on topics such as digital citizenship, employability skills, and other life skill topics.

7:10 - 7:15	7:15 - 8:00	8:15 - 9:00	9:15 - 10:00	10:15 - 11:00	11:15 - 12:10	12:15 - 1:10	1:25 - 2:10	2:20 –3:00
Log in & Announcements	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	4th Period	5th Period OR Lunch/Academy 5A 11:15 - 11:40 5B 11:45 - 12:10	6th Period OR Lunch/Academy 6C 12:15 - 12:40 6D 12:45 - 1:10	7th Period	Clubs and Office Hours

Collins Hill will alternate live sessions in classes by subject area. This plan provides students with live sessions with their whole class two days per week and small groups one day per week. Other days a lesson or assessment will be posted for the class which could include a recorded mini lesson. Teachers will be available every day during class for assistance even on an asynchronous day and will communicate how to get help if needed.

Monday Green Day	Tuesday Silver Day	Wednesday Green Day	Thursday Silver Day	Friday Eagles SOAR!
Live Lessons for: Language Arts Science World Languages Fine Arts ESOL	Live Lessons for: Math Social Studies Health/PE Career Tech Ed Other Electives	Live Lessons for: Language Arts Science World Languages Fine Arts ESOL	Live Lessons for: Math Social Studies Health/PE Career Tech Ed Other Electives	Success Opportunity Acceleration Review Small Groups (live) Lessons in every class

PARENT SUPPORT – Parents, we want to partner with you!

- Parenting is hard, and as educational experiences have changed it is sometimes harder for parents to support students today than it was a few years ago. Please know our faculty and staff are here for you and your student.
- Be on the lookout for Parent Seminars and emails with information to help you and your student.
- The updated GCPS Parent Portal, rolling out on August 3rd, will make it easier for parents to see assignments, including missing ones. It also will allow parents to access student information, including gradebook data, discipline, report cards, transcripts, calendars, and more.
- Please complete the form below to request technology to checkout for your student: https://forms.gle/rWhVrJe4eBBhLuv96
- If you have questions concerning technology check out, please email Annette Witrick: Annette.witrick@gcpsk12.org

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What can students and parents expect from Collins Hill High Digital Learning?

While digital learning presents certain challenges, it also offers unique opportunities for personalization and application of knowledge and skills. As we plan for the start of the year, parents and students can expect the following learning experiences during Fall semester:

- Teachers will use synchronous (Live) teaching and asynchronous (Recorded) teaching.
- Teachers will post a Week at a Glance for students every Monday in eCLASS.
- Students will have to regularly solve problems, present solutions, and write extensively.
- Students in paired courses within the RISE program (i.e. Science and Engineering) will experience integrated courses where assignments may be graded in both courses. Students in these courses will engage in project based learning.
- College level course work like Dual Enrollment and AP will require additional work outside of class.
- Students will be asked by teachers to participate in small groups, and these are not optional.
- Teachers will be available after school from 2:20 – 3:00 by appointment.
- Students that do not participate put their academic success at risk.
- School staff will actively review student participation and progress in order to engage in conversations with students and parents and provide safety nets to ensure every student's success.

Digital Meet Your Teacher Day – SAVE THE DATE- August 10th

- August 7th: Teachers will post a welcome video and syllabus for your review on their eCLASS page.
- August 10th: Collins Hill will have live digital sessions for students and parents to meet their teacher. Links for each session will be posted on the eCLASS pages of each teacher and the times are listed below for each class period:

12:30 p.m.	**1st Period Virtual Orientation**
1:00 p.m.	**2nd Period Virtual Orientation**
1:30 p.m.	**3rd Period Virtual Orientation**
2:00 p.m.	**4th Period Virtual Orientation**
2:30 p.m.	**5th Period Virtual Orientation**
3:00 p.m.	**6th Period Virtual Orientation**
3:30 p.m.	**7th Period Virtual Orientation**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What will digital learning look like in the Fall of 2020?** - Teachers will provide both live (synchronous) and recorded (asynchronous) lessons along with independent work. This means that students will be required to participate in digital learning beginning at 7:10 AM each day. Students should plan to follow the schedule with their teachers (synchronous learning), and also complete activities and assignments on their own time (asynchronous learning) to meet assignment deadlines.
2. **How will grades be calculated?** - All digital courses will have the same grading policies and practices as the in-person version of the course. Each week there will be some graded assignments that will be included in the gradebook. The grading will NOT be like last spring. Teachers will provide an explanation of grading procedures in their syllabus.
3. **Will attendance be taken during digital learning classes?** - Yes, attendance will be taken daily.
4. **Is the student code of conduct still in effect for remote students?** - The student discipline code of conduct is still applicable for students during digital learning.
5. **Does that mean students will be expected to be in front of a computer for six-plus hours a day?** - It is not likely that students would be online in live classes the entire school day. Since teachers will be at school during school hours, it is safe to assume most digital instruction will occur during that time. Based on feedback from the spring, we are encouraging teachers to conduct more live (synchronous) lessons. Platforms such as Zoom and Google Meet may be used for these sessions. Other assignments may include recorded videos or independent work which can be done any time during the day. We believe the use of a variety of instructional methods will be best for students. However, teachers will not be expected to continue instruction after school hours.

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