

Online Learning

WHS virtual learning for 2021/2022 will be using a hybrid blended model that combines face-to-face instruction with synchronous online learning. This means all students who take online courses will attend scheduled classes following the Academic calendar.

For online virtual classes, all above procedures and expectations apply: safe school policy; expectations regarding achievement and attendance; academic honesty policy; homework; attendance policy; assessment and evaluation; evidence of student achievement for evaluation; final examination/course culminating; and community involvement activities.

MINIMUM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING COURSE CONTENT

I. Recommended Operating Systems

- Windows: 7 or newer
- Chromebook

II. Functioning computer:

We strongly recommend a computer fewer than 5 years old.

- Processor: Minimum 1.0 GHz; Recommended 2.0 GHz or more
- Hard Drive: Minimum 50 GB; Recommended 100 GB or more
- Memory (RAM): Minimum 4 GB; Recommended 8 GB or above
- Sound card with speakers
- Webcam
- Microphone

III. Reliable Internet connection: Ethernet connection (LAN) OR a wireless adapter (Wi-Fi)

Internet speed: Minimum 10 Mbps; Recommended 20 Mbps or above

IV. Recommended Software

- Chrome Web Browser
- Adobe Reader
- VLC Media player

V. Recommended Software/Apps

- Adobe Scan
- Google Classroom App

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY: VIRTUAL CLASS EXPECTATIONS

- Treat others with kindness, dignity and respect.
- Join the online classroom and be prepared, on time and ready to learn.
- Treat the virtual classroom the same as an in-person classroom at school.
- Follow the online classroom expectations
- Engage in and add to the learning community (e.g. participate, ask questions, etc.)
- Report activities motivated by bias, prejudice or hate to an adult or school staff member.
- Respect the privacy of everyone in the virtual classroom and avoid taking photos, screenshots or capturing images of other students. Do not share images/videos from a virtual classroom on social media without permission.
- Not share the link to online meetings, activities or resources with anyone.
- Not participate in unauthorized online collaboration during tests and exams.
- Not anonymize yourself when participating in online classroom activities.

- Not engage in any activities, digital or otherwise, that could be deemed malicious or harmful.

HOW IS ATTENDANCE TAKEN?

Students are required to log on to a computer during a set time during the day. Classes will be conducted via video conferencing using google hangouts or Zoom. Attendance is taken based on students' attendance of virtual classroom via video conferencing.

If a student's frequent absences are jeopardizing the successful completion of a course then parents will be notified about possible consequences and discuss steps to improve attendance. The students and Parents/guardians will be notified via email.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the online discussion should be consistent with that of face to face.

You should be active in the online discussions every other day. Active participation is defined as participating in conversations, completing assigned work, posting responses (either an original response, a response to a peer by reply or an interacting i.e. posting/ responding).

HOW ARE TESTS AND FINAL EXAMS CONDUCTED

Exams are conducted online using ClassMarker and virtually proctored via Zoom or Google meet.

Student **MUST** turn their Cameras **ON** throughout the duration of the final exam.

Before taking an exam students certify that the test is their own work. They will not cheat, plagiarize any of its contents, nor will they collaborate with other students or persons. Students will make sure they are in a well-lit room and have an environment where they will not be disturbed. They **MUST** be alone in the room throughout the duration of the exam. Non-compliance with the above rules and regulations or any attempts of cheating is considered misconduct and will result in serious consequences.

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