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Remote Learning Agreement

This RCPS Reopening Plan was developed with the understanding that medically fragile students and families who may share concerns about sending their children back to school with so many uncertainties will be allowed to request to have their child take part in an online curriculum and engage in learning from home.

This Remote Learning agreement serves to ensure that parents and students understand their responsibilities and have what is needed to learn successfully at home. Parents will identify if their child has a medical condition that prevents their return to school or if there are other reasons for requesting remote learning. Students who have a recorded medical condition will be accepted into the remote learning plan with no conditions. Students requesting remote learning for other reasons will be required to maintain weekly participation demands. Students who fail to engage or are falling behind academically will have their remote learning plan revisited and recommendations will be made to prevent a student from failing or receiving an incomplete for the course. Please note the option for Remote Learning is a semester commitment which can be revisited later in the fall of 2020 before second semester begins.

Parents of Remote Learners should be able to assist children with the following in order to be successful:

- Establishing a tidy, suitable working area free from distractions at home with access to a computer or other suitable device provided by the school
- Establishing a consistent schedule aligned with the time requirements expected by the teacher
- Helping to monitor due dates for assignments to be sure students stay on task
- Having regular discussions about proper use of computer devices and internet
- Ensuring students engage each day in order to avoid being marked "absent" from a course

What are my options for Remote Learning?

A student who opts for **100% remote learning** will maintain all of their coursework with RCPS instructors from home every day on a schedule provided by the student's teachers. All courses, with the exception of certain high school CTE courses and Dual Enrollment courses, will utilize Canvas through the new Virtual Virginia Outreach Program.

Dual Enrollment

Students may take advantage of a program which allows them to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credits. In all cases, students must receive prior written approval by the participating high school and the college for particular courses to be taken. **Parents and students should be aware of the rigorous nature of these courses and that inadequate preparation for a college course could adversely affect their high school and college transcripts.** Only those courses that are used for diploma requirements or VHSL eligibility will be recorded on students' high school transcript. **There are costs for dual enrolled credits including tuition, books, labs, materials and supplies, and sometimes, transportation. It is the responsibility of the student to pay all costs incurred from dual enrollment as established by LFCC.** Financial Aid is not available to high school students. For more information, please contact Lisa Heiser, LFCC Career Coach, at 540-227-0745 ext.3403.

Virginia's Virtual Advanced Placement School

The Virtual Advanced Placement School offers televised and on-line courses in English, government, calculus, statistics, U.S. History, chemistry, biology, Spanish, human geography, economics, psychology, and physics. Rappahannock County Public School students may take Virtual Advanced Placement courses to support remote learning needs during COVID-19. **Parents and students should be aware of the rigorous nature of these courses and that inadequate preparation for a Virtual Virginia course could adversely affect their high school transcript.** Should a student withdraw from a Virtual Virginia course after the withdrawal deadline, students will receive a 'W' on their high school transcript and will not receive credit for the course. Should this withdrawal occur in the middle of the semester, the student will be expected to re-enroll in the same course taught by an RCHS instructor. It should be noted that the course grade will be transferred into the student's new class at the base school.

Eligible students enroll in Virtual Virginia through their local schools by deadlines set forth by the Virginia Department of Education. **Enrollment in VVA courses opens April 1 and closes August 1.** Students are enrolled in VVA courses on a space available basis. For more information, please contact Dani Pond, school counselor at RCHS, at 540-227-0745 ext. 3467.

Home School Instruction Grades and Credits

Students who wish to pursue their education through homeschooling, not REMOTE learning, will no longer be earning a Rappahannock County High School Diploma or credit for RCPS classes. Instead, students will be earning a homeschool diploma from their program of choice. Unfortunately, homeschool students are not eligible for privileges offered to RCHS students such as VHSL athletics, prom, clubs, and graduation. It is the responsibility of the parent to pay all costs associated with homeschool enrollment.

Parents who wish to pursue homeschooling for their child must contact Michelle Berta at 540-227-0023 to complete an application for approval.

Students who transfer to Rappahannock County Public Schools from home school instruction will receive credits for classes and grades as Pass or Fail, and therefore, are not included towards GPA or class rank.

Certification

I am requesting that my child(ren), _____, be considered for 100% remote learning for the fall semester 2020 for the following reasons:

I am requesting the following remote learning platform(s):

- 100% Remote Learning (with RCPS instructors through Canvas)
- Dual Enrollment
- Virtual Virginia

I have read and understand all aforementioned remote learning expectations and policies, and certify that my family has the tools necessary to support 100% remote learning at home.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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