

## **Student Code of Conduct for Online Learning**

We are in a brave new world of all online learning, all the time. There are a lot of challenges in this for all of us. Teachers are learning to move learning activities that are usually done in person into a digital learning space. Students are figuring out how to balance their home and work lives with the need to find time to get online to complete school requirements, even when online learning isn't their favorite way to be taught. If this COVID19 pandemic is teaching us anything, it's that flexibility is crucial for everyone right now.

This year, we are beginning with our regular school schedule 100% online, using Google Classrooms and Google Meets. We want to remind everyone that, just like in a physical school building, these virtual spaces are *also* part of our school, and are therefore subject to the same rules and expectations regarding appropriate language and behavior.

Even though you may be frustrated about all the changes and cancellations caused by this virus, just like we are, it's important to be kind and patient with each other and with your teachers and administrators. And even if you don't like a particular assignment, it's important to maintain a positive attitude.

Please remember these crucial guidelines:

- Sign into your Advisory Google Classroom EVERY DAY for Morning Meeting from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. (8:00 - 8:15 on Fridays).
- Follow your student roster by reporting to all classes at the assigned times via the Google Meet or Zoom link that your teachers will provide to you.
- Submit your work through Google Classroom on time, each week. You will have BOTH synchronous (work done with the teacher) AND asynchronous (work done mostly on your own) assignments to complete.
- Your work WILL be graded, so do your very best, and when you need help, ask your teacher!
- We do NOT have sports and school-based extracurricular activities right now, BUT we will be offering some online extracurricular activities through our partnerships with City Year, 12+, and Rock to the Future. You'll also have opportunities to propose online extracurricular activities to your advisors during morning meetings, and to your administrators during grade level town hall meetings.
- NO bullying/harassing/profane/unkind language or comments will be tolerated in digital spaces, just as they would not be tolerated in classrooms or hallways at school. If you are posting cruel or unkind replies to teachers' OR students' posts, your comment(s) will be

deleted and your parent/guardian informed of your inappropriate behavior. If you persist in repeatedly making cruel, unkind, or profane comments in a Google Classroom, you will be removed from the Google Classroom completely.

- I can almost hear you saying, “But I was just joking! That kid (or teacher) knew I wasn’t really being mean.” Here’s the thing - jokes that may work in person often just don’t work online. Right now, we’re all feeling varying degrees of stress, sadness, and anxiety, so a joke that we might usually laugh off in regular times can be really hurtful when we’re feeling sensitive and vulnerable in quarantine. So just don’t - keep your words kind and considerate so that you don’t risk hurting the feelings of your classmates and teachers.
- NO academic dishonesty - this means that you can NOT copy and paste work from the internet (i.e. an article from Wikipedia or some other website) and turn it in as if you wrote it for an assignment. Copying someone else’s words and presenting them as your own is called plagiarism. It is a crime, because it is the theft of someone else’s intellectual property (yep - your words are actually protected by the law!). If you are found to be plagiarizing an assignment, you will receive ZERO credit for that assignment and will NOT be permitted to make it up.