

Dear DVHS Parents/Guardians,

It is critically important for students to acquire the necessary academic skills each year in order to progress through their selected course sequence from year to year. The dual modes of instruction currently utilized, Zoom and in-person learning, have placed additional emphasis on the importance of staying up-to-date with assignments, classroom information and teacher communication.

We recognize that learning at home via Zoom is not the same as learning in-person. However, it is still incredibly important for students who utilize this option to actively participate in their classes every day so that they do not fall behind in their instructional programs. Students should follow their daily schedule from home just as they would if they were in-person. We encourage students to find a suitable area in their home, with the least possible interruptions and distractions, that can serve as a workstation during the school day. They should also turn their cameras on in order to facilitate interaction with their teachers.

Students on Zoom will be held accountable to the same attendance standards as students who are in the physical classroom. Skipping classes negatively impacts learning, and those who skip classes will earn lower participation grades and receive disciplinary consequences, as outlined by our student handbook. If students are unable to participate in a particular class, they should message their teachers directly through Schoology or email.

Parents, please take advantage of PowerSchool as a resource to monitor your students' attendance, grades, and progress toward completing assignments. If you have any questions about using PowerSchool, please contact your students' respective guidance office.

If you feel that your student is struggling in particular class, please reach out directly to his/her teacher. Our teachers have been working to provide students with all the resources they need to make both instructional models as successful as possible. If there is a larger issue impacting your student's education, please reach out directly to your student's counselor listed below.

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Sincerely,

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