



Trailblazer Times

August 13, 2021

Dear Virtual Academy Families,

What a week this has been for all of us! First, I'd like to start off by saying thank you.

Thank you to our teachers for making students our number one priority.

Thank you to our parents and guardians for taking the time to connect with us, address issues, pick up devices, re-pick up devices, and all the ways in which you have worked with us to ensure your student had a successful start to school.

We would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding this week. Our goal is to always provide you with exceptional customer service, and we realized this week that we were not able to answer all the calls as they came in. If you called us and left a message, and you still have not received a call back, please know that we will get back to you. If you do have an urgent matter and you are unable to immediately reach us in the office, please continue to call back. We are here from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but if we do not answer it is because we are assisting families either in person or over the phone (515-5550). Every call is important, and we don't want to miss an opportunity to assist you!

Attendance

Attendance is a state-mandated protocol that our program must do daily. Please continue to do your part to ensure that students are checking in and participating. If you receive an attendance call stating that your child was absent, please reach out to your child's teacher if this is incorrect.

- ❖ Our elementary program is structured so that teachers will take attendance during their daily morning meeting. Not attending teacher Zoom meetings will result in your student being marked absent.
- ❖ Our middle school program is structured so that each teacher will take attendance during their live Zoom sessions. Not attending teacher Zoom meetings will result in your student being marked absent.
- ❖ Our high school program is structured so that students must complete this [attendance check-in](#) BEFORE 9:00 A.M. each morning. Each high school student was sent this attendance form in their LCS-issued email address. Not completing this attendance check-in will result in your student being marked absent for the day!

“FLEXIBLE FRIDAYS” - (Effective 8/20/21)

In an effort to provide students with more opportunities to meet with teachers 1:1 and have time to complete self-paced work on Canvas and Virtual Virginia, we are going to change the structure of Friday classes. Starting on August 20th (and every Friday after), teachers will have scheduled help sessions. See below for the schedule.

Elementary and Middle School Students (Zoom link will be on student’s Canvas page/calendar):

All middle school students will be placed in a homeroom starting Monday.

8:15 - 8:30: Zoom Attendance check in with homeroom teacher

8:30 - 9:30: Help Session for Elementary/Middle Reading/English

9:45 - 10:45: Help Session for Elementary/Middle/High Math

11:00 - 12:00: Help Session for Middle School/ Science

12:30 - 1:30: Help Session for Middle School Social Studies

High School Students (Links will be on students’ Virtual Virginia page)

Before 9:00 AM - Complete the attendance check in

From 8:15 - on: Complete Virtual Virginia/Edgenuity coursework

TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS

There are some textbooks and other materials that are still on backorder. As soon as we receive confirmation on their delivery date, we will reach out to all applicable families about a pick-up or delivery date. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Have a great day!