

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS FOR LEARNERS

We anticipate the transition to online learning to have some initial glitches and understand this is a learning curve for both our students and our instructors. Never before has public education so widely used this platform for education, and we encourage everyone to have patience with the process. We will work through unforeseen obstacles and refine our methodology.

Foremost, attendance is critical for success. Attendance in every online period is required. Students must request to join a classroom by the bell for each period and are expected to be engaged!

Please note, as classroom teachers are managing both online learners and in person learners, there will be periods of time, when online or in class learners will be waiting for their instructors. For example, a teacher may ask online learners to work through a problem or have an online discussion on a topic, while working with students present in the actual classroom and vice versa.

To ensure that only class members can join a classroom, teachers will send a Meeting ID via Zoom or GoogleMeet to each student. The Waiting Room feature will be used to “admit” each student into the meeting. In Zoom, teachers are able to control microphones and screen shares.

Expectations for learners:

Violations of our virtual standards will be considered a violation of the code of conduct and classroom consequences will be followed. The AHS code of conduct is in effect during virtual sessions.

Ensure your device is fully charged or plugged in before entering a GoogleMeet or Zoom.

Use a chromebook or personal computer with a camera and microphone. If you do not have a device, the District will provide you with one. Phones are not acceptable devices.

Be on time to a virtual lesson, as you may not be admitted late to a session or it may take the teacher a while to invite you into the lesson.

Establish a conducive learning environment in your home.

Use a neutral, non-distracting backdrop. Others should not be able to study the elements of your home, bedroom, etc.

Do not use your bed, bathroom, or other private locations of your home for your virtual setting.

Eliminate environmental sounds in your background. Pets and relatives should not be visible to those who are in your viewing audience.

Maintain the same physical space during a lesson; do not move with your device around your home.

Wear attire acceptable for school. This means having shoulders covered, no pajamas, and code of conduct appropriate clothing. The code of conduct is still in effect.

Be personally visible during instruction. Do not turn off your camera. Teachers may permit students to turn off their cameras, but this is at the teacher's discretion.

Sit properly so as to keep focused and not fall asleep.

Follow your schedule each school day and sign in at scheduled times.

Attend online classes in the same way as you would if you were at school. Have a water bottle and school supplies at your access. Be ready to go.

Non-enrolled students are not permitted to join the online classrooms, this includes parents or other household members.

Browsing other sites while engaged in the online lesson is prohibited.

Recording, taking screenshots, or taking digital images of your instructor or peers is prohibited in the same manner it is prohibited in live classrooms. The code of conduct applies.

Understand teachers may mute discussions between a teacher and a learners when necessary, for privacy reasons. Be patient.

Refrain from asking private questions in an online classroom such as "Why did I get X for a grade on this test?" Discussions like these are for a private online meeting or email discussion.

Stay viewing all live video sessions, while attending all virtual breakout sessions.

Use earbuds or headphones as they tremendously improve an online student's concentration.

Understand in person students and teachers will have to clean the classroom at the start and end of each session. To be considered on time, you must request to enter the lesson at the bell and will only be exited from a lesson at the end of the period for classroom disinfecting.

Only leave a session with the permission of your teacher, like you would if you were present in person. (example: to use the restroom during a lesson)

Complete all work and assignments by established due dates.

Conduct yourself with integrity when completing assignments.

Complete your own work and do not plagiarize. Plagiarizing is subject to discipline standards per the code of conduct.

Engage with the classroom lesson, ask relevant questions.

Communicate with your teacher and examine feedback.

Seek help when overwhelmed or when you need it.

Collaborate with online peers using respectful language and behaviors, while demonstrating online etiquette.

Respond within 24 hours to email/phone communication from all school personnel such as teachers, counselors, and administrators, Monday through Friday. Only use your Avon gmail for email regarding school matters.

Call the school attendance line just as you would if you were in school to report an absence. 440.934.1770. Communicate with your classroom instructor via email if you are in need of your makeup work. The Lorain County courts will be monitoring attendance for online education in the same manner as in person education. Likewise, if a student should become quarantined or ill for an extended period of time, please contact your assistant principal who will team with your school counselor to devise a plan.

These standards may be altered by the administration as needed as this is an ongoing process.

Be patient with yourself and your teachers - we are all learning together!