

# PINE TREE HIGH SCHOOL

## VIRTUAL LEARNING INFORMATION

Your student has selected to participate in Pine Tree High School's virtual learning. We understand that there are many questions as we enter this school year on how the virtual learning will occur. Listed below are a few questions and answers that we hope will ease the transition into the virtual learning environment.

- **When will my student begin their courses?**
  - Students will begin receiving instruction on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.
  
- **What courses will my student be enrolled in ?**
  - Students in 9th - 11th grades will be enrolled in 6 -8 courses while seniors could be enrolled in 5-8 courses. These courses were selected based upon your student's request in the spring and in consideration of state graduation requirements.
  - Students will be enrolled in a mixture of courses from the Edgenuity learning system and Google Classroom.
  - Edgenuity is a web-based course offering software while Google Classroom will be used by PTHS teachers for a variety of our elective courses.
  
- **How will my student access Edgenuity and Google Classroom?**
  - Instructions on how to access Edgenuity will be sent to your student's NEW PTISD email prior to the beginning of school. In addition, a video will be attached to that email that introduces students to the Edgenuity environment.
  - For courses taught through Google Classroom - the teacher will send an invite to students through their NEW PTISD email.
  - To access your student's NEW PTISD email, please use the following steps:
    - Google Accounts for 9th-12th Grade will be [studentID@ptisd.org](mailto:studentID@ptisd.org) for the account and the password will again be their birthdate. Again, Birthdate is in three letter month (first capitalized) , two number day and four number year. Example would be Mar031993.
  
- **How will my student be marked present each day?**
  - Students should log in each day prior to 10:00 AM.
  - For students to be marked present for the day in the virtual environment, they must complete ONE of the following for each course in which they are enrolled;
    - Measurable progress in the course (applies to courses in Edgenuity);
    - Submission of an assignment, test, project or other assigned activity;
    - Correspondence with the instructor.
  - It is important that your student maintain current attendance in each of their courses. In order to receive credit for each course, students must be present 90% of the time.

- **How will progress be measured?**
  - Pine Tree High School is on a 9-week reporting period. Grades will be taken and reported at the end of each 9--week grading period. Progress reports will be available at the 3-week and 6-week intervals.
  - Progress on Edgenuity courses will be monitored by PTHS/ExCEL staff on a daily basis and can be seen by parents. This progress is indicated for each course when the student logs in. A numerical grade will be provided at each grading period and progress report intervals.
  - Courses taught via Google Classroom will have grades entered into Skyward just as if they were on campus.
  
- **How will my student be able to contact the teacher for assistance?**
  - Teachers will make available to the students the times and manner (email, Zoom or Google Meets) in which they can be contacted for assistance.
  - Students should feel free to email their teacher at anytime.

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Pine Tree High School is committed to the success of all students. Below you will find suggestions for both the student and parent as we partner together for a successful virtual experience.

### **Student Commitment to Success**

- Identify a space at home where you can learn and study comfortably
- You must log in by 10:00 AM every school day in order not to be marked absent for the day
- Establish daily routines for engaging in the learning process
- Complete daily activities and assignments
- Be kind online
- Complete assignments with integrity and honesty
- Take responsibility for getting help, asking questions, and taking advantage of tutorial services
- Communicate with the teacher
- Abide by the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct

### **Parent Commitment to Student Success**

- Create a designated learning space at home
- Ensure your child logs in by 10:00 AM every school day. Failure to do so will result in your child being marked absent
- Take an active role in helping your child in the learning process
- Monitor and ask for evidence that your child is making progress on coursework
- Provide your child with assistance on day to day activities except in the case of independent work
- Maintain contact with your child's teacher
- Establish a partnership with your child's teacher to ensure a smooth transition to virtual learning
- Assist your child by establish routines and expectations
- Contact your child's teacher, administrator, or counselor for additional needs and support for learning
- Allow your child to struggle. It is a natural part of the learning process and is encouraged.