



Distance Learning Support for Students

Distance learning may be new for all of us, but together, we got this! We will be successful!

Check out these frequently-asked student questions and answers:

What do I do if I have questions or need help?

- Email your teacher directly for help with assignments or with any school work questions you may have.
- Need help with your Chromebook or technology? Email infotech@thomastonschools.org.

We will get back to you quickly!

How can I access Google Classroom?

- You must access Google Classrooms through your Thomaston Public Schools Google account!
 - Your username is your firstname.lastname@thomastonschools.org
 - Unless you changed it, your password is your 8 digit Birthday (example – May 1, 2020 would be 05012020).
 - Can't remember your password? Email infotech@thomastonschools.org.
- Need help finding Google Classroom? Go here: <https://classroom.google.com/h>.
- Need more help? [Watch This Video!](#)
- Need more help? [Check out this Slide Show!](#)

Will teachers take attendance?

- You are required to attend school every weekday school is in session.
- Attendance will be taken by a "Question of the Day." You must answer this Question of the Day to be counted as present in school.
 - If you are a Black Rock student, this question will be asked by your classroom teacher each day.
 - If you are a Center School student, you will find and answer this question each day in your "TCS Students" Google Classroom

- If you are a High School student, you will find and answer this question each day in your grade-level advisory Google classroom.
- Please remind your parent or guardian that they must send an email to the school secretary if you are absent.
- Your teachers will be making sure you are attending classes and staying engaged. You should go to your classes every day and complete all assignments as directed. If you are not engaged and not completing work, the teacher and/or your principal will call home.

When do I attend school each day?

- New learning material is available from your teachers each day at your school's normal start time.
- You do not need to attend school at a specific time each day. In fact, we recommend that you make a schedule that works best for you!

How can I be successful?

- Set up a work area that will allow you to focus on your distance learning without being distracted.
- Have a schedule each day that works for you!
- Here are some **really** important things to remember and do when creating your schedule and doing your distance learning:
 - Do your best and be your best at all times!
 - Always ask for help when stuck or confused. Email your teachers!
 - Remember to answer the Question of the Day! This is how you are marked present for school.
 - Attend all classes you should be each day.
 - Read directions carefully! Do exactly what is required by your teachers!
 - Take frequent mindfulness, body, and brain breaks! Distance learning is hard work!
 - Make time to stretch and exercise each day.
 - Limit distractions by turning off social media, television, and your cell phone.
 - Write down daily and weekly goals for yourself and your learning.
 - Make time to socialize with friends and peers during breaks or after your work is complete.
 - Set aside blocks of time for each subject or class.
 - Do not procrastinate! You have a lot of freedom with your time. Make the most of it!

What are good manners and etiquette to follow for distance learning?

- It's very important to remember that while distance learning is different than traditional learning, the expectations are the same. Here are a few tips to help you with your distance learning etiquette.
 - o Remember when engaging in group discussions to not use all capital letters or too many exclamation points.
 - o When engaging in dialogue, respect the opinion of others. Politely agree and disagree with others.
 - o Sarcasm doesn't translate well. Avoid using sarcasm.
 - o Understand the tone of your writing. Reading your post out loud will not only help you find errors, but will also help you determine if your tone sounds appropriate.
 - o Continue to use good manners. Using manners such as please and thank you go a long way.

What should I wear when doing my distance learning?

- Dress appropriately. Some teachers may have live video sessions with their classes, small groups, or individuals. So it's important that you dress as you would for school.

How will my work be assigned and graded?

- Distance learning assignments count towards your grade!
- Your teachers will continue to assign and grade work as they normally do.
- You will be provided feedback for all assignments you submit, and all grades will continue to be entered into PowerSchool as they normally are.
- It is important, like always, that you follow your teacher's directions for all assignment and due dates.

Have more questions?

Email your teacher or distancelearning@thomastonschools.org!

