



Richfield Public School Academy

3807 N. Center Road ~ Flint, MI 48506
Office: (810) 736-1281 ~ Fax: (810) 736-2326



URGENT COMMUNICATION

November 24, 2020

Richfield Parents and Students,

What we know about on-line instruction is that it not ideal for 95% of people. We also know that our teachers, administrators, parents and students have worked hard to keep learning on-line “alive”. We have learned, through our experiences and through research, that learning loss during virtual learning is real. Our in-class instruction does not resume until January 2021, (through a study completed by Emma Dorn and Associates, it was estimated that students who remain enrolled could lose three to four months of learning if they are consistently present and receive average remote instruction, seven to 11 months of learning if they do not attend every learning session. They could lose 12 to 14 months (that is 1.5 years of school) if they do not log into their sessions or receive any instruction at all. However, your child’s learning loss can be significantly reduced by several factors and two of these factors that you parents have 100% control over!

1) consistent engagement (signing into each teaching session and completing the teaching/learning session), and,

2) home support (supporting your child, making sure that he/she stays engaged and logs into each teaching/learning session.

REMEMBER: ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL AND WORK COMPLETION IS MANDATORY!

As a reminder of the State law regarding school attendance (MCL380.161) and our school virtual learning compact (also a state requirement), please review the following:

1. Students must attend school, daily, and for every class. Students must complete their work.
2. If a student is going to be absent, you must contact the school’s absence line to notify the school. If a student will be out more than 2 consecutive days or 4 accumulated days in a quarter, you must provide doctor’s notes for these absences to be excused.
3. Chronic absences from class meets will be referred to the district attendance liaison and if not corrected, to the County Attendance Court. (This is also a state mandate).
4. ALL GRADES for the marking period will be determined based on the work that is complete and turned in for grading.
5. A student’s grades will determine whether they pass to the next grade or are held back in 2020-21 school year grade. There will be no Pass/Fail grades this year.

So that every parent is aware of their child’s attendance in teaching/learning sessions, work completion and accuracy of work, on-line learning program use and over-all progress, you will receive report for your child prior to the holiday break in December. You will receive an invite through your child’s teacher’s google classroom to view this report. Please be on the look-out for this invitation which will come to your e-mail.

Please take to heart the factors that you can control (as stated in study) and take seriously your child's consistent engagement in teaching/learning sessions and attendance each day.

The Richfield Board, Leadership Team and Staff are committed to your child's learning and are here to support you and your child.

Reminder:

No School Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving school break
No School Monday, December 21st through Friday, January 2nd for Christmas school break.

Please stay healthy and committed to learning. We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Pamela Haldy, Superintendent
Richfield Public School Academy