

FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Frontier Parents/Guardians:

We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate through this unprecedented time. Our first day of virtual instruction will be Monday, September 14, 2020. Our classes will be delivered in an online platform utilizing both synchronous and asynchronous structures to support student learning. For your information, we have defined the 2 types of learning structures that will be taking place:

Synchronous Learning takes place in real-time, and may include students completing daily learning tasks at a specific time where student schedules are "in sync" and at the same pace. Other examples include virtual conferences and Google meets where the whole class can log on and learn together with the teacher.

Asynchronous Learning takes place without real-time interaction. This may include students having time to complete a project or lesson, reading, and watching videos, at their own pace.

In the 100% virtual model, we are committed to having access to quality educational materials that align to NY State standards. Further, we are committed to supporting the whole child—including social emotional health, as well as academics. We will work to ensure that all students have access to equitable educational opportunities and support students with IEPs (Individualized Education Program), Section 504 Plans and English Language Learners.

Information pertaining to each educational level is listed below:

Elementary:

Each grade level has been assigned to a virtual instruction teacher who will support students at that grade level across the curricular areas. Your child's virtual teacher will be connecting with you via email prior to Monday.

Middle School:

If you have requested that your child be fully virtual, it will be reflected in their team assignment. For example, it would say, "Virtual 6R." Your child will still be assigned a homeroom in order to preserve their placement should we all go back to school in the future. Please note that our regular middle school teachers have been assigned virtual sections to teach throughout their day. Your child will still have two days of core instruction with asynchronous activities and two days of special area instruction.

Middle School teachers are currently creating google classrooms for all students who are attending courses at home. Make sure your child checks their Frontier Gmail to see invitation codes.

High School:

Fully virtual students at the high school have been assigned to classes within the respective curricular areas. In the event that a class cannot be run due to numbers, you will be contacted for a schedule change. Remote instruction will include a blend of both asynchronous and synchronous experiences. In addition, office hours for teachers will be available to students at specified times on Wednesdays.

Teachers will be reaching out to their remote students to share scheduling information, as well as invitation codes to their Google Classroom.

For those of you who may require a device for your child's fully remote instruction and were unable to pick up the device on Wednesday September 9th, one will be available to you at the Frontier Educational Center at 5120 Orchard Ave. If you would like to schedule a pickup time, please call or email Bonnie Martin at 716-926-1710 (ext 1201) or bmartin@frontiercsd.org. Device agreements are available on our district website (technology department) or will be available at the time of pickup.

Together, I believe we can accomplish a very successful learning experience for our Frontier students, despite the challenges brought about by the COVID Pandemic. We look forward to working with you in order to provide the best possible virtual learning experience for your child. As always, we value your feedback to help us improve this learning experience for our students. Thank you for your partnership and support!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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