



Virtual Learning Plan School Year 2021/2022

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Virtual Learning Plan

Heritage Academy will only be offering virtual learning to students if we enter a Provincial Lockdown. We understand the benefit of having all students attend in person classes on a regular basis.

This plan is continually being updated as circumstances change, please keep this in mind. An updated version of this plan will be provided when adjustments are made.

By its very nature, virtual learning is not the same learning experience as what students experience when attending in-person at school. Virtual learning will be provided by the same teacher that is teaching the class at school. As well, the amount of contact time with teachers and peers each day will differ, compared to the daily school experience. There will be separate outlines for elementary and secondary students.

Due to Virtual Learning relying so much on many different types of technology to function, there will inevitably be times where live streams are not possible/functioning. Heritage Academy will do everything possible to ensure that this happens as infrequently as possible, but acknowledges that this is a component of Virtual learning.

Teachers will provide students with a link to an online meeting (zoom) for that class. Attendance will be taken daily and students are expected to observe and participate (depending on the lesson) appropriately.

The educator's goal is to have the virtual stream online within the first 5 minutes of class, and will be ending the sessions within the last 5-10 minutes of class.

In order to eliminate as many in-class distractions as possible virtual learner's microphones will be muted. Virtual learners will be able to ask the teacher questions in the chat bar, or through email; educators will do their best to include their input during lessons. (This does not apply to one-on-one learning)

The remote learning program may use some of the following tools to provide online instruction to students. This may be subject to change as we are always looking to be more efficient and use the best applications for our students' needs.

SeeSaw, Edmodo, Zoom, Google Meets, Teacher Websites

Elementary:

Junior students will be following along with their homeroom teacher for their core classes. Each Virtual student will be provided with apx. 4 hours of instruction /class time (Language, Math, Social Sciences) through the streaming of these classes. These classes will coincide with the individual class's schedule. Student's schedules will be provided to students at the beginning of the school year.

Students may be provided with tasks and assignments in the other subjects being taught (eg. Art and Phys-ed) but there will not be a dedicated virtual class option for these activities.

Secondary

Senior students learning virtually will be following along with the teacher teaching the class at school. All senior classes are 75 minutes in duration and students will be provided with a zoom stream/instructional videos of approximately the first hour of class.

Virtual learners will be provided with synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. Attendance will be taken on a daily basis for each course in the same manner as the in-class learning experience. Virtual classes follow the in-school schedule.

Please take into consideration that this is an evolving process and there will be bugs to work out. Our learning relies on many factors that can have issues so please be patient as we work it out. Students learning virtually will have opportunities for live contact with a teacher and synchronous learning each day.

A virtual study hall may be available depending on demand.

S.M.T.

Any junior students who have S.M.T. scheduled during the day will have their S.M.T. lessons take precedence over their Language class (when they are at the same time). This would constitute their Language lesson for the day. Any virtual learners that have S.M.T. scheduled outside of regular classes will have their S.M.T. lesson during the regular scheduled time slot.

Teacher Absences

Due to multiple factors (including confidentiality concerns regarding parent contact information), when an educator is absent and a supply teacher is needed there will be no virtual classes for that teacher on that day. Students would instead be supplied with activities via email or online platform (Edmodo/SeeSaw etc.)