



Taos Academy Virtual Learning Plan

Our learning goes on!

Dear TA Parents and Students -

Welcome back from the Summer Break! 🌻🌻🌻

We hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. As you are all aware, Taos Academy will be starting school in our virtual learning model, "TA in the Cloud." Our amazing TA teachers will be working during our Inservice Week of August 3rd - 7th to set up our virtual learning model and to prepare for this transition. Here is what you can expect:

InService Week (August 3rd -7th): We will be reaching out to new families and calling to conduct Wellness Checks. We will be scheduling 1:1 meetings with each new family to ensure that your parent TA gmail and Edgenuity Family portal is ready and working. We will also be sharing out a TA Family Handbook for Virtual Learning and a recorded New Family Orientation.

HS Orientation (August 10th-14th): We will be working primarily with our HS students this week. Your student's adviser will be reaching out via phone and email to get them into their classes, the check Next Step Plans, and to make sure they can get into their TA gmail. Students will have access to and be able to work in their classes. They will also have their first two Advisory meetings to meet their teacher, fellow students, and get used to Google Meets format.

MS Orientation (August 17th-21th): HS students will keep working on their digital curriculum and will reach out to their advisers if they need help; however, we will be working primarily with our HS students this week. Your student's adviser will be reaching out via phone and email to get them into their classes, the check Next Step Plans, and to make sure they can get into their TA gmail. Students will have access to and be able to work in their classes. They will also have their first two Advisory meetings to meet their teacher, fellow students, and get used to Google Meets format.

Taos Academy will be starting live virtual classes on our full schedule on Monday, August 25th for middle school students and on Tuesday, August 26th for high school students.

Our day will start on Monday and Tuesday mornings with a virtual Morning Meeting, open to all students and families. We will make any announcements, celebrations, birthdays, and start together as a learning community. All morning classes will be meeting virtually following their regular schedule using Google Hangouts Meet. Advisory and 21st Century classes (PE, Leadership, Global Studies, and SmartLab) will meet during the 1st or 2nd block of the day (see below). Third block will be a time for targeted 1:1 or small group instruction as needed by students or as required by teachers for student success. There will be Math Lab to support performance tasks or redo lessons as well as Essay help for Language Arts classes. Teachers and tutors will be holding Office Hours during the 4th block of the day. Our Special Education tutors will also be working to set up contact times with the students that they work with.

Virtual Class and Activities Schedule (Monday, August 24th):

Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday	Other Notes:
MORNING MEETINGS (Monday and Tuesday mornings at 8:00)		
Morning Schedule - 1st Block (8-10AM)		
Virtual Advisory (5th & 6th Grade) Joseph, Van Willigen	Virtual Advisory (10th-12th Grades) Weisfeld, Martinson, Messerole College Link Virtual Advisory (CL 11th & 12th Grades) Samoiel, Densow, Weisfeld	Progress Reports - Advisory and 21st Century progress reports will go out on regular schedule Weekly Attendance Report - Edgenuity progress will be pulled every Sunday at 5 pm as per usual. The goal is that all classes have a grade of 70% or higher at that time.
Virtual 21st Century (7th & 8th Grade) Kelly (Leadership) Pike (Global Studies) Kravitz (PE/Wellness & Health) Tim Martinson w/ Lucero-Martinez (SmartLab)	Virtual 21st Century - (9th Grade) Tim Martinson (SmartLab) Pike (Global Leadership) Kravitz (PE/Wellness & Health)	
AM Break 10-10:15 (Snack, water, stretch and move!)		
Morning Schedule - 2nd Block (10:15 - 12 NOON)		

Virtual Advisory (7th - 8th Grade) Weisfeld, Cisneros, Laure, Samoiel	Virtual Advisory (9th Grade) Laure, Cisneros	
Virtual 21st Century - Pike (Global Studies) Kravitz (PE/Wellness & Health) Tim Martinson w/ Lucero-Martinez (SmartLab)	Virtual 21st Century (Career Pathways) Weisfeld/Pike/Kelly Virtual Seminar - Samoiel (Humanities Seminar) Musialowski (Money Matters Seminar)	
Afternoon Schedule - 3rd Block (1 - 2:25 PM)		
ELA Essay Support 5th & 6th Grade - Joseph & Densow 7th & 8th Grade - Laure & Samoiel Math Lab Support: 5th & 6th Grade - Van Willigen & Mr. Tim 7th & 8th Grade - Cisneros & Benavidez History Support - Messerole Science Support - Weisfeld	11th Grade ELA Essay Support - Densow Algebra II+ Math Lab/Support - Benavidez 10th Grade ELA Essay Support - Messerole Geometry Math Lab/Support - Pike 9th Grade ELA Essay Support - Laure PreAlgebra & Algebra Math Lab/Support - Cisneros & Mr. Tim	
Afternoon Schedule - 4th Block (2:25 - 4:00 PM)		
Office Hours: Advisors will be available for phone calls, video meetings, and via email	Office Hours: Advisors will be available for phone calls, video meetings, and via email	

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