NTO’s Teaching & Learning Plan for Virtual Learning

NTO Parents & Learners,

ECISD is closed from Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 27th. The goal during this time frame is for teaching & learning to continue as best as possible. Please take time to review the following plan for NTO’s Teaching & Learning that will launch Thursday, March 19th.

Internet Access at Home Survey

NTO campus administration created a survey for all NTO learners to complete regarding internet access at home. The goal of the survey was to collect as many responses as possible, to narrow down the list of learners who may need additional instructional assistance, & to be used as a tool for facilitators in planning.

ECHO & Emails

NTO, a New Tech Network school, is at an advantage since every facilitator & learner have an ECHO account. ECHO is used as our seamless electronic platform for teaching & learning. From ECHO, facilitators post agendas, assignments, links, quizzes, grades, discussions, etc. Every NTO learner has an email address (LearnerID@newtechodessa.org) to communicate & receive information from facilitators & campus administration.

Things to Know

- NTO is a one-to-one laptop campus. Every learner has been issued a laptop. Echo can also be accessed from a cellphone &/or tablet.
- We encourage learners & parents to reach out to facilitators & administrators for questions & assistance via email. We have an online Staff Directory on NTO’s school website.
- Facilitators will virtually work from home during normal school hours (8:30am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:30pm) & other times designated by the facilitator. In order to ensure that learners receive any needed assistance, facilitators will check & answer emails hourly during these designated hours.
- During this time frame, learners will need to check their emails & their Echo courses daily.
- Learners who have off campus classes at PHS, OHS, FROST, Odessa College, etc. will follow their protocols.
- We are in this together & it’s new to us all! On both ends, we ask that learners & facilitators practice flexibility.
Learning Logs

Learners and parents will be asked to use a campus provided log to document learning throughout each day. These logs will be used by the State to ensure teaching and learning is happening. We are requesting that these logs be submitted to the campus Attendance Clerk weekly via email (Mrs. Calderon – jael.calderon@ectorcountyisd.org) or dropped off at the school’s designated location.

Examples of General Lesson Plan Overview for Core Content & Elective Classes (Please note that Echo agendas will be more detailed.)

All assignments and assessments are expected to be at the rigor level of the course, grade appropriate, & TEKS based. Resources used are vetted by the Campus Administration to meet this State criteria.

Algebra II
Week II: March 23rd – 27th
- Daily Discussion Posts (due at the end of week)
- Watch & view instructional videos with assessment questions
- Instructional Links to complete for scaffolding
- Reflective Writing Assignment
- End of Week Assessment (Google Forms)

English II
Week II: March 23rd – 27th
- Daily Journal Entries (due at the end of week)
- Article of the Week Assignment
- SAT Vocabulary Assignment using Padlet
- End of Week Assessment (Google Forms)

Paper Assignments
(Only for learners identified by campus administration who do not have internet access at home.)
- Facilitators will email assignments to the campus administration.
- Campus administration will create folders for each learner to be completed.
- Campus administration will notify the parent & learner when assignments are ready for pick-up. Assignments will be dropped off weekly at the school’s designated location.

Thank you for your flexibility as we make adjustments & ensure teaching & learning continues to the best of our abilities under these circumstances. Please reach out to me via email for questions at gerardo.ramirez@newtechodessa.org and/or feel free to email our facilitators.

In everything – Trust, Respect, & Responsibility,

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