

JRTC Student and Parents,

We are starting this year in a way never seen before. Our staff has been working hard on preparation for this new school year so that we can provide the best instruction possible for our students.

Career and technical education needs hands on student participation more than other core classes might need. Until we get back to a normal school schedule we are going to be limited in this important time. We will plan to maximize our time that students are in the school, but it is very important that students do what is required when they are at home with virtual instruction/work. Our in-person class time will make up a little over three hours a week. Students will also have around four and a half hours of virtual class work at home each week. We normally have around seven and a half hours a week of instruction with students. Even though we cannot have in person instruction for that amount of time, we will be structuring our assignments so that we are covering that amount of material each week.

Each class will have their virtual classroom platforms for students to work on. It is crucial that students stay on task and get their work done weekly to keep up. Last Spring, if students were passing at the end of the third nine weeks, they were going to pass that class. Work done, or not done, was not going to adversely affect their grade. That is all in the past. Students are required to do their work like a normal school year. If students choose not to do the work, they will not be successful in their class at JRTC.

JRTC will have two sessions a day. One in the morning, and one in the afternoon.

**Covington students will come to JRTC during the morning sessions**

1<sup>st</sup> block CHS students will come to JRTC on Mondays

3<sup>rd</sup> block CHS Students will come to JRTC on Tuesdays

2<sup>nd</sup> block CHS Students will come to JRTC on Thursdays

4<sup>th</sup> block CHS students will come to JRTC on Fridays

Wednesday will be a virtual day for all classes. All four blocks of classes will have assignments on Wednesday just like they would have on a normal school day.

**Alleghany students will report to JRTC on an A/B schedule.**

Monday will have 1<sup>st</sup> block (A) in the morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> block (A) in the afternoon

Tuesday will have 3<sup>rd</sup> block (A) in the morning and 4<sup>th</sup> block (A) in the afternoon

Thursday will have 2<sup>nd</sup> block (B) in the morning and 1<sup>st</sup> block (B) in the afternoon

Friday will have 4<sup>th</sup> block (B) in the morning and 3<sup>rd</sup> block (B) in the afternoon

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Attendance will be taken three times a week.

Attendance will be taken on the day that students report to school. Present if they are in the class, absent if they are not. On the other two days that they are supposed to be working virtually, students will have something that they need to do, and turn in, to be counted as present. If they do it on that day they are present for the class, if they do not do it on that day they will be marked absent.

Example: If you/your student has a first block class at JRTC and they are in the (A) group they will have their in person class on Monday morning. For this group attendance is easy, they are either in school or absent. The (B) group for the first block class will also be responsible for work at that time, but they will be at home doing work virtually. The teacher will have something for the student to do that will count for the students being present in the class for that day. The student has that day to respond to the assignment to be counted present. If they do not do that work on that day, they will be marked absent for the class. This will all be the same on Thursday except the (B) group will be having their live instruction and the (A) group will be working virtually. So it doesn't matter if they are at JRTC, or working virtually at home. All of the 1<sup>st</sup> block students will have work to do when their first block class is working Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Wednesday is a virtual day for all four blocks. Our schedule on Wednesday is going to look like our normal schedule as if we had all four blocks in school. Each class will have a block worth of time. Each instructor will have different things planned, but the instruction for that day will be around an hour and a half long just like a normal class. Students will have assignments that day and there will be something that students need to do to count for attendance. Students will have all day Wednesday to do that assignment and turn it in. If they do it they are marked present, if not they will be marked absent.

All of this information will be Communicated with each student in each class so that everyone knows what is expected of them to be successful in their program here at JRTC.

We are looking forward to having students back in our classes. If you have any questions please contact us at 862-1308 so that we can help you.

Thank you  
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