

Virtual Learning Procedures: Students

As a result of COVID-19 (coronavirus), NC has mandated school closures. ALA students will continue learning through our Virtual learning program. Students should follow the procedures below in order to receive credit for attending school, and assignments will contribute to their grades in their various courses. The virtual learning procedures <u>are not</u> optional and are considered each student's daily activity for school from March 16-30.

Important Information related to Virtual Learning:

- ALA is closed from March 16-30. During this time, **ALA will implement virtual classes on the** following dates: **March 18 20**, and **March 23 27**.
- Teachers will be available for office hours from **9am 12pm** via email, phone, and Google Hangouts (see below). Students can contact their teachers for guidance during these hours.

Student Daily Expectations/Procedures

- Middle School students are expected to work on Core Area class assignments for up to 4
 hours per day.
- **High School students** are expected to work on assignments from all of their enrolled classes for up to 4 **hours per day**.
- First Core / First Period Teachers will send a link to the daily attendance form via Google
 Classroom. Students should follow the link and complete the form and submit it daily.
 Students without internet access can call in using the phone number for their grade level listed below. This is how attendance will be recorded during the school closure.
- Students should check their courses in Google Classroom on the virtual learning dates and work on the activities assigned by their teachers on all of these dates.
- Students should submit assignments by the due date via Google Classroom.

Student Needs

- Electronic Device and access to reliable internet connection
- Login information for the various online instructional programs (IXL, Coach Digital, Edgenuity, NC Stemscopes, NewsELA, etc.)
- Other materials necessary for completion of assignments

Communication with Teachers Procedure

Teachers will be available to answer student questions on virtual learning days from 9am - 12pm. Students who have questions have a variety of options to use to communicate with their teachers during this time. Students should try the following in order to contact their teachers during the office hours:

- Step 1: Contact via email (Questions that are not immediate and don't require dialogue)
- **Step 2: Contact via Google Chat** (Questions that are not immediate but require dialogue)
- **Step 3: Contact via Google Hangouts Phone/Webconference** (Questions that require immediate attention and require dialogue)



Students should follow these steps only when absolutely necessary. The office hours are intended to provide students access to teachers when they have questions. **Teachers are designing assignments** that <u>should not require direct instruction or generate an abundance of student questions.</u>

School Department	Weblink	Phone number
6th Grade	https://meet.google.com/jsp-ypcj-vnb	443-671-8347 PIN : 795 521 773#
7th Grade	https://meet.google.com/mvt-twvq-rhs	219-386-4181 PIN: 783 560 044#
8th Grade	https://meet.google.com/zhf-eowj-wza	575-448-4209 PIN: 476 731 746#
9th Grade	https://meet.google.com/mrs-yxae-xyz	513-815-6343 PIN : 943 789 355#
ALA Administration	https://meet.google.com/cwc-kcov-art	484-466-9335 PIN : 269 757 724#

Students without Internet Access

Students without reliable internet access throughout the day have a few options. Students should call in daily using the phone number above to speak with their grade level teacher using the indicated number above. We understand that having limited access to the internet will be detrimental to your child's ability to complete assignments during the break. Below are some suggestions of creative ways to navigate access to the internet.

Phone hotspots: Students can connect iPads/Chromebooks to mobile hotspots on their phones. This can be used temporarily to access assignments and do basic computation.

Public hotspots: Many public places offer free wifi. This includes public libraries and restaurants (McDonalds, Starbucks, etc.). You can also visit parking lots of these places including our school to access the internet without coming in contact with others.

Spectrum Offer: Charter is offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. Charter will also open its Wi-Fi hotspots for public use.

Students can also use other devices rather than their school issued devices to access Google Classroom. This can include game devices, smart TVs, cell phones, and other tablets.

If your child is having a significant issue getting assignments completed due to the lack of internet, please contact ALA administration or your child's teachers to discuss ways to accommodate your child's continuity of learning.