STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR ONLINE SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Expect to work as hard, or even harder, than in your face-to-face classes. As in your traditional classes, your success in an online course will be dependent on the time and effort you invest in your coursework. Students are expected to Logon and work 2 hours everyday during the Summer School Session.

What you can expect from your teachers:

- Teachers will be available from 9 AM to 1PM Monday – Friday Except July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- will reply to your questions within 24 hours except during holidays or weekends.
- provide clear and concise instructions and exercises for you to follow.
- return graded assignments within 24 hours
- monitor discussions to clarify students’ postings, highlight good or interesting comments and ideas, and provide insight.
- provide the necessary components of successful interaction: explanation, demonstration, practice, feedback, and assessment.

Tips for Success

➢ Persistence is perhaps the biggest key to success in online learning. Students who succeed in online learning are those who are willing to tolerate technical difficulties, seek help when needed, work daily on every class, and persist through challenges.

➢ Set up a manageable study schedule for yourself and stick to it. Students who succeed are those who log in and make progress every day! You are expected to log in and work 2 hours a day per course between 9-1. You may have to work more depending on your progress.

➢ Time Management and Motivation. As a student of online learning, you will be directing your learning on a day-by-day basis. This flexibility is one of the great benefits of online learning. However, it can also be a drawback for a student who procrastinates, is unable to stick to a routine study schedule, or is not motivated to independently complete assignments without daily reminders from a teacher. Make a daily "To Do" list.

➢ Communication Skills are very important in online learning because students must be willing to seek help when they need it. Teachers are very willing to help students, but they are unable to tell when students look confused. Teachers and staff are glad to take questions from students and want to help you to succeed in your classes.

➢ Reading and writing are the main ways you'll communicate in an online class. You should be relatively comfortable reading extensive documents in English on a computer screen and typing without frustration.

➢ A Good Study Environment. Another critical component of academic success online is a good study environment. Get some peace and quiet. You will need a quiet place to work without distractions like television or siblings.

➢ Avoid games. Consider uninstalling any computer games to avoid temptation or keep the games on a different computer in the house.

➢ Turn off your cell phone. Let friends and family members know the hours that you will be "at" school.

➢ Beware of surfing. It is easy to wander off through the Internet for much longer than planned.

➢ Set up a comfortable workspace. Lighting in the room should be at least as bright as the computer screen to avoid eye strain. Adjust the height of your chair, keyboard, and screen so that you are comfortable. Forearms and thighs should be level and parallel to the floor. Wrists should not be bent while typing.

➢ Take the student orientation tutorial in Edmentum if you never used Edmentum before.
➢ Your discussion posts will be consequential and full of content! For example, simply responding “me too,” or “thanks,” doesn't include content. Use good grammar and spelling when posting online. Use the spell check feature.
➢ You’ll complete required tasks in a timely manner. Be proactive with a back-up plan in case you’re unable to access the Internet in your regular place of study.
➢ You won't plagiarize the work of others and claim it as your own.
➢ If you have questions call the Summer School office at 410-677-5137 during Office Hours: 7 to 3. Closed all Fridays in July.