

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER

January 5, 2021

Happy New Year!

CYCLE 12- Full remote schedule

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech is currently using its full remote learning plan for all of cycle 12 (January 4th- January 11th).

ALL students must attend ALL three hours of synchronous class periods per day, regardless if they are in their CVTE program or academics. There are NO “Green or Gold” cohorts during the full remote learning plan. All students must complete both the synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) components of their shop/academic classes. See notes below on remote learning classroom expectations established at the beginning of the school year.

CYCLE 13-

A determination to the Learning Model to be utilized in cycle 13 will be made as we continue to monitor current health data. We will communicate with families by Thursday.

CHANGES TO STUDENT LEARNING TIME REGULATIONS

The Student Learning Time regulations from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will be changed. In November, DESE gathered information on student learning time from all public schools in the Commonwealth. At the Board of Education Meeting in December, DESE proposed and the Board of Education approved amendments to the student learning time regulations. This required all schools to add additional hours of “live” instructional time.

Please be sure to review the updated schedule to be implemented beginning Tuesday, January 12th. These schedules will be in effect when academics **and/or** shop is conducted remotely. The NEW/updated academic remote schedule will take the place of the current schedule (attached). Students should be prepared to log-on to Google Classroom as usual following the NEW academic remote schedule. Students in shop will continue with their full in-person or green and gold cohorts when in the school building under the hybrid plan. The full remote shop schedule is also included if necessary.



REMOTE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS 2020-2021

Students are reminded that they must be in every class. Students must have their cameras on and participate in each class session with their teachers and classmates. Missing the class period but submitting classwork is not permitted. School Attendance is mandatory and reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, regardless of whether the class is held in-person or remotely. It must accurately reflect student learning experiences.

Unexcused absences for live (synchronous) remote sessions will reflect negatively on students' synchronous learning assignment grades. Beginning in Trimester 2, students who do not attend a synchronous, live class and have their absence noted as unexcused will have their grades for submitted assignments penalized.

Submitted assignments from synchronous class periods where students have unexcused absences will be given a maximum grade of 50. This is to ensure that students attend all remote classes (as if the class was held in-person) OR have a documented absence that would allow them to make up any missing work. Students will not be penalized for making up missed assignments due to excused absences/illnesses. Remote "live" classes are to be treated the same as our in-person classes.

Beginning January 4th, any student who received a failing grade in a course for Trimester 1 will be required to attend the asynchronous (independent) learning session for that class period. It is our goal to ensure that all students receive the support that they need to meet with success in each and every academic class to ensure they meet local district requirements at the end of the year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been clear with school districts that grades are to be issued to all students. If students are not meeting the passing requirements for their courses, we all share a collective responsibility (parents, students, teachers, and administrators) to provide the support needed to ensure their academic success.

