



2021-22 Virtual Learning Student Expectations

Guidelines for Virtual Instruction Pine Grove Area Middle School

We hope to remain in full in-person instruction for the entire school year. There may be circumstances related to the health and safety of students and staff as well as inclement weather that would dictate pivoting our instructional model to synchronous virtual instruction. This may occur for this specific building or for the entire school district. If we communicate to the community that we are shifting to synchronous virtual instruction, this document will provide you with student expectations. Pine Grove Area School District students will utilize their assigned Chromebook to connect with their teacher(s) for synchronous instruction. Although unlikely, it is also possible we move to an asynchronous virtual instruction day. This may occur if there is a likelihood that the internet is not reliable during the school day due to a predicted extreme weather event.

Access

- Every Middle School student has been provided with a Chromebook.
- Families are able to request a mobile hotspot for students who do not have access to the internet at home. To request a hotspot, families can complete this form <https://tinyurl.com/PGAhotspot>. Mobile hot spots are limited.
- Utilize Schoology as your main learning platform for accessing content, synchronous Zoom links, and the submission of assignments.

Modified Synchronous Schedule

	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:00 - 8:30	1A	Specials	1A	1A
8:45 - 9:15	1B	1A	1B	1B
9:30 - 10:00	Specials	1B	2A	2A
10:15 - 10:45	2A	2A	2B	2B
11:00 - 11:30	Lunch			
11:45 - 12:15	2B	2B	3A	Specials
12:30 - 1:00	3A	3A	3B	3A
1:15 - 1:30	3B	3B	Specials	3B
1:30 - 2:40	Complete Assignments/Zoom Office Hours/Band Lessons			

Attendance

Synchronous Day

- Daily attendance will be taken during Zoom in period 1.
- Period attendance will be taken each period during Zoom.

Asynchronous Day

- Asynchronous students will access a Daily Attendance Assignment in Schoology each day between 6AM and 8PM.

If a student is unable to attend virtual synchronous instruction due to internet connectivity issues, please use this [form](#) to let us know. Please attach a screenshot showing that you did not have internet access.

If a student can not attend virtual instruction due to an illness or doctor's appointment, please contact Tara Miller at tmiller@pgasd.com.

Student Online Expectations

Students participating in online synchronous Zoom sessions are expected to adhere to the following student participation guidelines:

- Students must begin to connect at least 3 minutes before the class is scheduled to begin (think of the time you would typically spend in the hallway in the passing of classes as the time it takes to connect to the live stream).
- Students must be connected and ready to learn at the time that class begins.
- Video must be turned on so teachers can monitor active engagement in the lesson.
- All school rules for behavior and dress code apply while students are in the synchronous lesson.
- Students who do not follow school rules will face consequences including contacting parents and revocation of privileges.
- Students should appropriately use the Zoom tools available to raise their hand and interact with the teacher.
- Students are not permitted to record any portion of the live-streamed lesson.
- Students must adhere to Board Policy #815: [Acceptable Use of Communications and Information Systems \(CIS\)](#) (<https://tinyurl.com/PGA815>).
- Students are expected to join the Zoom classroom from a location that is appropriate. Everything viewable in the background of the video will be visible to everyone in the classroom. Anything visible in your background must comply with school guidelines.
- When joining Zoom, use your first and last name (no nicknames).
- Students will be placed in a waiting room upon joining a meeting. Please wait patiently until the teacher admits you to the room.
- Upon entering the Zoom classroom, each student should either enter their name or say hello to the class by entering it in the chatbox. This will record the student's attendance at the beginning of the class. A teacher may utilize another way to mark attendance in their Zoom classroom.
- If a student's behavior is inappropriate, the teacher may place the student back into the waiting room or remove them from the classroom. If permitted to re-enter, the student is expected to follow the school rules.
- Any comments placed in the chatbox are viewable by the entire class. All comments must be school-appropriate and on topic for the lesson. The teacher will be able to save a copy of all chat activity.
- The link or access information that is provided by the teacher is intended for members of the class only. Do not share the link with others.
- All profile pictures must be school-appropriate.

It is essential that students are participating in Zoom sessions in an environment conducive to learning. Even though students are not attending class in a classroom during these times, students are attending class and therefore appropriate behavior and participation are expected. Participating in Zoom sessions while in a vehicle, or with friends are not acceptable learning environments in which to attend class. Please remind your student of these expectations.