

Distance Learning in the Trumbull Public Schools: Questions & Answers

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The following is pertinent information to help educate the community of the plans of Trumbull Public Schools. It is a paraphrase of the question & answer period of the March 27, 2020 Distance Learning in the Trumbull Public Schools presentation by Jonathan Budd, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, and Christina Hefele, Director of Digital Learning. The full presentation may be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erYxcbAJOs&feature=youtu.be>.

Google Classroom Guardian for Parents:

Should everyone receive an invite for this?

Yesterday, parents with students in grades 3-12 should have received an e-mail from Rich Mastroiani to accept the Google Classroom Notification. Parents need to click the “Accept” invite and answer the series of questions, including how often they want the notifications. The eBlast yesterday has a picture of what this should look like and the directions the parents should follow.

What if the parent is already enrolled? Should we be receiving invites for grades K-2 students?

If you are already enrolled, there is no harm if you accept the invitation. However, it isn't necessary if you are already receiving notifications. A parent may have received an invite for students in grades K-2, especially if the parent has another child in an older grade. Again, there is no harm in accepting it, as once your child is a Google Classroom user as he/she gets older, you'll already be enrolled in the system and receiving notifications.

If a parent should have received an invite, but didn't . . . what should they do?

Check your spam folder or wait until Monday, March 30. If you still haven't received it, reach out to one of your student's classroom teachers to enroll you, or your technology integration specialist at your school.

After accepting the invitation, what should I expect to see?

After you accept the notification, it will ask you if you want weekly or daily notifications. If you accept daily notifications, you should receive a notification the next day.

If kids are stressed with their workload, what should parents do?

We ask the community to please be patient with all of us as we adapt curriculum for in-class experience to the online distance learning platform. As we learn how to pace things most appropriately, we would appreciate students and parents providing feedback to teachers. We are trying to keep the focus on the key aspects of the curriculum so the core standards are prominent.

Are there any adjustments to timelines, especially for high school students?

Many of our normal procedures and protocols must be changed. One area relates to changes for registration for courses at Trumbull High School next year. Details will be given via the afternoon eBlasts to the community. Another area of adjustment at Trumbull High School will be when the third marking period will end and what work will be counted for that marking period, compared to what will be counted for the fourth marking period. Details will be provided via the afternoon eBlasts to the community.

The broadcast continued with reading of *The Jelly Donut Difference: Sharing Kindness with the World* by Maria Dismondy, and conversation with special virtual guest, school social worker Laura Katz. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erYxcbAJOs&feature=youtu.be>.