



EXPECTATIONS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING 2020-2021

This document is intended to guide students and parents as faculty and staff implement distance learning procedures.

Focus:

Students attend and are actively engaged in synchronous lessons that are aligned to rigorous college readiness standards while managing and completing works asynchronously.

Communication

Teachers will be using Google Classroom and other tech tools (see below) to...

- Deliver synchronous lessons that integrate regular opportunities for student participation and production of student independent work.
- Provide opportunities for students to interact with the content, independently and in groups through the use of strategies and online learning platforms.
- Master the use of 3-4 key tech tools to support increased student engagement in the classroom.
- Develop lessons that are aligned with college readiness benchmarks and utilize a range of formative assessments to gauge students' progress.



Academic Expectations

Students will demonstrate mastery of college readiness skills by...

- Showing cues of listening and attending to presenter(s) when in a virtual space.
- Responding to prompts that require verbal and written responses.
- Completing tasks as assigned in whole and small groups, and independently.
- Reflecting on their progress, independently, and following up with teachers and support staff (eg., utilize office hours) when necessary.



- Monitoring their own progress using guides and tools provided by Cristo Rey.
- Adhering to academic honesty policies refraining from using technology to copy or take credit for work that is not their own.

During asynchronous instruction, students will be expected to check Google Classroom, stay up to date on assigned academic work, check email, messages, and assignments.

Academic Class Times

To support academic stamina, students should spend the total time on each class for the entire day (total time for classwork, homework, and assessments combined).

Students should expect to work:

- 50 minutes in synchronous classes
- 50 minutes independently in asynchronous classes

Students should note that assessments, including online quizzes or essays, may also be given. Please note that students should cite all work appropriately avoiding all instances of plagiarism.

Tech Tools and Support

CRJ will be utilizing Google Classroom as an instructional platform during the upcoming school year. This platform is web-based and will be very helpful during distance learning in delivering assignments, assessments, and communication between students and their teachers. Chromebooks will be distributed to all students. Distribution is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 17-21 at CRJ.



Other tech tools include:

- Google Meet
- Zoom
- Nearpod
- Khan Academy
- ALEKs,
- and Membeam.

The helpdesk should be contacted ASAP for assistance in any related connection issues. Email Support@datanetworks.com or by phone (410)-727-3255 x1036.

If there are any questions related to course content or assignments, please contact the teacher directly.

If there are any general questions related to academics, please contact Principal Reap wreap@crstoreybalt.org or Assistant Principal McElroy mcelroy@crstoreybalt.org.

Procedures for Attendance

Attendance is a crucial component of a successful Cristo Rey student. It is expected that students report to their assigned class each day and on time ready to be active participants in the learning process. If your student is absent from distance learning for sickness or an emergency please contact Ms. Kia Williams kwilliams@critoreybalt.org by 8:30 am. If we do not hear from a parent or guardian a member of the school team will contact a parent or guardian. During class the following procedures will be followed:

- Faculty will take attendance each class period all day within the first five minutes of the start of class. At the end of class, attendance should be taken again in case students reported late to class.
- The Receptionist, School Counselor, and Dean of Students will call families of unaccounted for absent students.
- Faculty confirms attendance by the end of each class.
- An administrator will follow up with students who are marked absent.

Social-Emotional Resources

Cristo Rey Jesuit High will continue to provide counseling services for students. These services will be scheduled with the School Counselor and will not take place during synchronous class times.

- Students and families can email the counselor at zwebster@critoreybalt.org to talk about setting up counseling sessions
 - Phone numbers and other contact information can be provided within emails
- Sessions will occur via an online platform
- Resources for Students and Families:
 - More Immediate Help: <https://www.mentalhealth.gov/get-help/immediate-help>
 - Managing Stress: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>
 - Controlling Coronavirus Anxiety: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/erasing-stigma/202003/controlling-coronavirus-anxiety>
 - Confident Parents, Confident Kids: <https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2020/03/13/my-kids-school-is-closed-so-now-what/>
 - Other mental health resources and activities will be distributed throughout the school year

Tips for Successful Distance Learning

- Maintain routines.
- Maintain the structure of the school day, as much as possible. It would be helpful to access academic work during the usual school hours.
- Get a good night's sleep. Maintain a regular and reasonable bedtime and dress to do the work in the morning.
- Keep communication lines open within the family and with the faculty and staff of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. We are here to support you!
- Limit recreational screen time. Since students will be using devices for remote learning, it is recommended that families set reasonable parameters around recreational technology usage.
- Stay up to date with school information by visiting <https://www.cristoreybalt.org>

Questions and Comments

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact CRJ via email at CristoReyCares@cristoreybalt.org. Your email will be shared with the appropriate staff member and we will respond in a timely manner. Thank you for your partnership.