



Things you need to know before you commit to enrolling here...

Community School is different than traditional campuses in several ways. You should be aware of the following:

- 1) **Community School is self-paced, but with the goal of acceleration.** This means you will work through courses at your own pace, but a completion deadline will be assigned to you, and you will be expected to push yourself to finish by that date.
- 2) **Excessive absences aren't acceptable here.** We ALWAYS notice if you are missing. For an absence to be considered excused, you must have a Dr. or Court note or Covid test results. All other absences are unexcused, and you must make up the time by staying for the very next session of Night School, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and work on your courses throughout that time. Night School takes place each Monday and Wednesday. Parent notes don't work here, and Dr. notes only count for the appointment time frame.
- 3) **Failure is not an option, notes are required, and "taking a zero" is not permitted.** Our courses have been created with a focus on essential standards and skills. You will have the option to pretest in your classes, to demonstrate any prior knowledge. Your coursework will be adjusted by the teacher and will only include the content that you have not yet mastered. Therefore, you cannot skip activities or decide to take a failing grade on an assignment. In most classes, note-taking is required and part of your grade.
- 4) **Ask for/accept help when you need it.** Even though you will be working on your coursework independently, help is always available. When your teacher asks how you are doing, please be honest. Let them know if you are stuck or struggling. If you need help, ask! Your teacher will be glad to guide you.
- 5) **You will be using technology all day, but cell phones are never to be out/visible in the classroom.** Cell phones must be silenced and put away while in the classroom. During passing periods or lunch, you will be able to check your phone and respond to messages, but you must step out of the classroom to do so.
- 6) **There are six class periods each day as well as Independent Study and Homeroom.** You will work on 2 to 4 classes at a time. Each class will be double--or triple--blocked into the six periods. During IS, you are required to work. Homeroom serves a variety of purposes, and active participation in it is not optional. Your classes and teachers will change as you complete your courses, but your HR will remain the same.
- 7) **For your classes, you may not use online sources outside your learning platform.** While it's tempting to Google things, you're required to find the information within the lessons and course materials provided.
- 8) **You will need to dress appropriately.** While we do have relaxed dress code expectations, there are some things that aren't ok—such as hoods/caps/hats and clothing that reveals your "bathing suit area" (such as crop tops) or undergarments.
- 9) **There are things you need to bring every day.** Computers, chargers, and ear buds. For safety and communication reasons, while on campus, we ask that you only keep one ear bud in your ears. There is no need for you to bring a backpack to campus, as they are not permitted in classrooms.
- 10) **Once you arrive on campus you must enter the building.** Waiting in cars or walking off campus is not ok.
- 11) **Breakfast is provided for all students.** Students may apply for free and reduced price meal benefits or purchase lunch for \$3.00. There is also a small refrigerator and microwave available for student use. Under certain conditions, students may order food for delivery, if it is done within a set of expectations. Leaving campus for lunch or to pick up food is not permitted.
- 12) **The PISD Code of Conduct applies at Community School.** This includes the prohibition of vaping and drugs prior to or during school, as well the possession of vaping and drug related paraphernalia on campus.

SIGNATURE: _____



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Bell Schedule

8:35 – 9:25

First

9:30 – 10:20

Second

10:25 – 11:15

Third

11:20 – 11:40

HR/Ind. Study

11:45 – 12:45

LUNCH

12:50 – 1:10

HR/Ind. Study

1:15 – 2:05

Fourth

2:10 – 3:00

Fifth

3:05 – 3:55

Sixth

Make-Up Time is every Monday & Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Food & Transportation must be arranged.