

Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School



Hello Erie Rise Families!

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to thank you for partnering with us during this unprecedented educational event. Prior to April 17th, the Pennsylvania Department of Education allowed each school to make a determination of the educational plan that would be best suited for the needs of their families. The choices include “enrichment and review” (materials provided, but not graded or required) and “planned instruction” (mandatory schooling.) At the time, Erie Rise made the determination that the “enrichment and review” method would better suit our individual student needs and demographics.

Recently, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has required all schools to move to a “planned instruction” model during the CoVID-19 pandemic. This means that our instructional model here at Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School will be shifting. In the upcoming weeks, parents will be receiving information regarding our transition to Google Classroom as the digital platform for our online learning. This platform will contain ConnectEd, USATestPrep, and Khan Academy, as well as additional instructional materials. Whereas the enrichment materials provided previously were not mandated or graded, the assignments in Google Classroom will be. Our launch date for Google Classroom is Monday, May 4th, 2020.

We understand the challenges the CoVID-19 pandemic has placed on our students and their families, so that being said, the grading system will be changing for 4th quarter. During an abridged 4th quarter, running from Monday May 4th until Friday, June 5th, students will either receive a PASS or INCOMPLETE for the information covered during that time. Our administration is working on revising our mandatory Summer Session to include materials missed during the time we were out of the school during this pandemic.

Within the next few days, you will be receiving log-in information and instructions for Google Classroom. Remember-this is new to all of us, so we are in it together! The teachers have been working tirelessly to make sure they are still able to provide the same level of instructions our families are used to here at Erie Rise. Please keep checking our website and Facebook page for the latest information regarding the transition to a “planned instruction” model. More information will be provided regarding graduations, grade promotion, and families with barriers to accessing digital materials.

We are STILL Erie Rise!

Educationally Yours,

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