

Frequently Asked Questions by Parents

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Where should my child report the first day of school?

All classes are online, so no students will be report to the school building for the first nine weeks. Please refer to the schedule below regarding the start times of each block during the day.

How does my child log on for his/her first day of classes?

Once students login using OneLogin, <http://cpschools.onelogin.com>, they will enter their student id number in the username box and their birthday in the password box (DDmonYY!)

How does my child know if he is online or on campus for first semester?

All Chesapeake students were afforded the opportunity to choose either Option 1: On Campus (when allowed) or Option 2: 100% online for first semester through July 31, 2020. Any student/parent who did not make a choice by the deadline was assigned to Option 1. If you look at the top of the student's schedule that was mailed home on September 2, you will see either online or on campus at the top. Please remember that for both options, ALL STUDENTS will be online for at least the first nine weeks. If a student is requesting an option change, please go to the IRHS website to complete a change form request. Please remember this is only a request and we cannot guarantee we will be able to make the change.

My student requested a lap top. When will he/she get one?

The last Chromebook pickup is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on the bus ramp in the back of the building.

What is the bell schedule? For the first nine weeks, here are the start times for each block

Bell 1 - 9:00

Bell 3 – 12:30

Bell 2 - 10:30

Bell 4 – 2:30

Chesapeake / IRHS High School Schedule for Semester 1		
Time	Student Schedule	Teacher Schedule
9:00-9:45	Scheduled, teacher-led learning (Bell 1)	Delivering direct instruction
9:45-10:30	Attend teacher office hours (as needed) At-home, independent learning	Meet with students 1:1 or in small groups for additional assistance as needed.
10:30-11:15	Scheduled, teacher-led learning (Bell 2)	Delivering direct instruction
11:15-12:00	At-home, independent learning	Meet with students 1:1 or in small groups for additional assistance as needed
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Scheduled, teacher-led learning (Bell 3)	Delivering direct instruction
1:15-2:30	Attend teacher office hours (as needed) At-home, independent learning	Meet with students 1:1 or in small groups for additional assistance as needed.
2:30-3:15	Scheduled, teacher-led learning (Bell 4)	Delivering direct instruction
3:15-4:00	At-home, independent learning	Attend faculty meetings, PLCs, department meetings, professional development, & curriculum development
Students have flexibility with their use of time during at home independent learning time slots. Work assigned to be completed independently can be accessed and submitted in Schoology at any time of the day or night.		

My child received his schedule and we want to make a schedule change. How can we do that?

All course request changes were due March 5, 2020. If a student wants to make a schedule change request, he/she can go to the IRHS website and fill out the Schedule Change Request Form. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and will only be honored for academic reasons or if there is an error on the schedule.

What lunch will my son/daughter eat?

All students will eat lunch from 12:00 – 12:30. Students can report to the IRHS cafeteria entrance on the side of the building from 3:30 – 5:30 on Sept. 8 & 9 to receive their meals. Starting the week of Sept. 14, meals can be picked up from 3:30 – 5:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Is there a dress code at IRHS?

Students should be dressed appropriately for their online classes. Students should be dressed appropriately including: wearing tops and bottoms, not wearing pajamas or sleepwear, and not wearing any other clothing that would be prohibited during a regular school day.

How many classes is my child taking this year?

On a four-by-four block schedule, students can take 8 classes and earn 8 credits this year. Each student will take four classes during the first semester (September - January) and four classes during the second semester (February - June). At the end of each semester, students will earn 1 credit for each course passed.

Can parent/teacher conferences be scheduled at the high school?

Yes. If you are concerned about your child’s class(es), you can e-mail the counselor assigned to your child to schedule a meeting. By making an appointment (via Google Meet, Zoom, or conference call), you can be assured the counselor and/or teacher(s) will be available. Parent/Teacher conferences can be set up during non-instruction time during the day as long as all participants are available. In-person meetings can be arranged only if necessary.

How can my child get in touch with the counselor?

Students are encouraged to e-mail the counselor rather than call the counselor. Your child's assigned counselor will get back to him/her as quickly as possible.

When should I be concerned about my child's grades?

Be active and supportive in your child's academic career to ensure his/her success. If your child complains (more than normal) about school, make an appointment to see the school counselor. Students should check StudentVue and parents/guardians should check ParentVue frequently to get an update on student's progress and grades. Ask to see report cards; they are issued eight times a year.

When are report cards available?

First semester marking periods end on Oct. 7, Nov. 10, Dec. 15 and Feb. 1. Report cards will be issued a few days after each marking period ends.

How do I know if my child is promoted from one grade to the next?

In Chesapeake, students are promoted from one grade level to the next according to the number of credits they earn. A student needs 5 credits to be considered a sophomore, 10 credits to be considered a junior, and 16 credits to be a senior and be in the fourth year of high school. (The student should also be in the correct 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of high school).

If my child is sick, do I need to call the school that day?

Contact the student's first block teacher via e-mail if the student is sick.

If my child is sick, can the school provide the missed work?

If a student is not able to log on for class, he/she should e-mail the teacher to let him/her know and to make arrangements to complete missed work asynchronously. Students are also encouraged to check course syllabi on Synergy.

How important is attendance?

Attendance is very important. This includes students logging on at the designated times each day. Students not only learn from the materials provided but also from the information discussed in class as well as the collaborative activities performed in the learning environment. A student who misses more than nine days in a class will fail the class regardless of his/her grade. Appeals can be made to the Extenuating Circumstances Committee by submitting written documentation (doctors' notes, legal notices, etc.) and an application at the end of the semester. The Extenuating Circumstances Committee will determine whether extenuating circumstances will be granted.

What is the difference between an unexcused absence and an excused absence?

An unexcused absence is an absence where the student has cut or skipped the class. Work missed from an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Unexcused and excused absences *both* count toward the nine-day limit; consequently, teachers will send home absence notifications when a student has missed more than five days. These notifications include both excused and unexcused absences. School field trips do not count toward the nine-day limit.

How will the Standards of Learning (SOL's) affect my child?

All students have to pass a certain number of SOL tests to graduate from high school. For any student who was in a Chesapeake Public School year last year, if he/she was in an SOL class during second semester or a full year class and he/she passed the class, he/she was given a special pass score for the corresponding SOL test.

What are the graduation requirements?

For current 9th – 11th graders - Standard (22 credit) diploma: 4 credits of English, 3 credits of history, 3 credits of math (at or above Algebra), 3 credits of science, 2 credits of P.E., 1 credit of a fine/practical arts class, and 6 electives.

For the advanced studies (26 credit) diploma, students must pass: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of math (through Algebra II), 4 credits of science, 3 credits of one foreign language or 2 credits of one language and 2 of another language, 4 credits of history, 2 credits of P.E., 1 fine/practical arts credit, and 2 electives.

Both require an additional Economics/Personal Finance class.

Seniors graduating this year and who are in their fourth year of high school have slightly different requirements.

My child wants to go to college. What classes should he/she take? Are there scholarships?

Students should take at least five core classes each year (English, math, science, history, and usually a foreign language). Honors and Advanced Placement classes are also recommended for some students, but primarily good grades in regular or advanced classes are essential for gaining entrance into college. SAT scores, extra-curricular involvement, leadership positions, and recommendations are also considered. Scholarships are usually awarded to students who excel in one or more of the above areas.

When should my child take the SAT's, ACT's, and the PSAT's?

As of August 2020, Chesapeake Public Schools will not be offering the SAT, ACT or PSAT during first semester. Most colleges are waiving testing requirements for seniors applying to college this year. Seniors should visit college websites for more information on admissions requirements. The SAT's and ACT's are normally taken in the spring of 11th grade and the fall of the senior year. Visit www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org for more information on possible testing sites in the Hampton Roads area if needed.

If I have moved recently or plan to move, do I need to let the school know?

Yes. Address changes need to be documented with a current utility bill (water, gas, or electric only) that shows your name, address and bill. Please make sure you update your current phone number(s) as well.

What sports are available at IRHS?

Boys:

- Fall Season - February – May - (Cross Country, Football, Golf, Volleyball, Cheerleading);
- Winter Season -December – February - (Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Winter Track);
- Spring Season -March – June - (Baseball, Soccer, Track, Tennis)

Girls:

- Fall Season – February – May - (Cross Country, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Golf);
- Winter Season – December – February - (Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming, Winter Track);
- Spring Season - March – June - (Tennis, Softball, Soccer, Track)

What is the 2.0 eligibility rule in terms of athletic eligibility?

Normally students must have a 2.0 GPA for the previous semester or their overall GPA in high school. Chesapeake has waived this requirement for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. However, this rule may be in place for second semester, so athletes should make sure they do their best to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement at the end of first semester this year to be eligible for sports.

What is the grading scale?

A 93-100	A- 90-92	
B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82
C+ 77-79	C 73-76	C- 70-72
D+ 67-69	D 64-66	
E 0-63		

For more information, please visit to the Chesapeake Public School web page.

How does my child obtain a worker's permit?

Students who are 14 or 15 years old and wish to work must obtain a worker's permit from www.doli.virginia.gov/laborlaw/laborlaw_forms_p2.html

When can my child drive?

Students who are the proper age can receive their learner's permit from DMV by taking their social security card, birth certificate, and a parent/guardian to DMV. Your child must pass the written test. Free booklets are available at DMV. Driver's Education (classroom only) is taught through the PE II classes.

My child is registered for a Dual Enrollment class. When does he/she pay for the class?

For any student who is taking a Dual Enrollment class at IRHS this year, he/she needs to pay the \$135 fee for first semester. This can be done by going to the IRHS website (cpschools.com/irh) and paying online. (Click on the Online School Payment under the Parents tab.) This fee should be paid by the September 11, 2020. The fee for second semester (an additional \$135) will be paid the first week in February 2021.

My student was in a Chesapeake Public High School last year and received a low grade in a second semester or full year class. Can he/she get the grade changed to a P for Pass?

Yes. Students/parents can go to the IRHS website main page and click on the form to requesting this change. (Request a P as a final grade link) Please note this does not apply to classes taken during the first semester of 2019-2020.

We are completely new to IRHS. Is there a tour we can take?

We are not doing tours at this time, but you can go to the IRHS website and click on the Welcome Video on the main page.