VLA Learning Expectations

Highland Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) students have entered into a one-semester commitment for the 2020-2021 school year (September 2020-January 2021). Once registered, students are obligated for the entire semester and may not return to in-person learning. At the end of the 1st semester, students will have the option to continue in VLA (Option #2) or to return to in-person learning at the school (Option #1).

Students enrolled in the Highland VLA, remain subject to all policies and procedures of the Highland Local School District while attending school virtually, as they remain a student in our school district.

Students participating in VLA are afforded greater stability with their schedule as they will continue, uninterrupted, using the same online curriculum and platform, regardless of local or state decisions that may impact school closures.

Communication

- Teachers are expected to communicate regularly with both students and parents. Teachers should offer support, answer questions and assist with troubleshooting routine technology-related issues. Students are encouraged to ask teachers for assistance, seek clarification on assignments and reach out with any questions they may have or when help is needed. Parents are asked to communicate directly with their child’s teacher first regarding any concerns, questions on assignments and/or academic progress. If questions or concerns remain, parents are asked to contact the Curriculum Director, Laurie Boedicker at 330-239-1901, ext. 1218, or the Director of Pupil Services, Deb Yorko, at ext. 1226.

- For questions or concerns related to technology, please contact the Highland Technology Department at [http://support.highlandschools.org/](http://support.highlandschools.org/).

Student Expectations

- Students must complete all work assigned.
  - This will ensure they are prepared to re-enter in-person instruction at the start of 2nd semester, if they choose.

- Due to the flexibility of the VLA, some students may choose to work online outside of typical school day hours, or not log on each day; however, it is the student’s responsibility to keep current with and complete all assignments, as this is how attendance will be recorded.

- Students in K-8 will have the opportunity to participate in Zoom sessions with their teacher(s) or receive Zoom session support from classroom aides. These sessions are not mandatory.

- High School students will have weekly contact with their teachers and additional support, as needed.

- Special Education students will receive their services during a scheduled Zoom session. Service providers will work directly with the parent(s) to decide on time most convenient for all involved.

- Gifted Services will also be provided for qualifying students from their classroom teacher(s).