

## Welcome to the Pine-Richland Virtual Academy Plus

February 11, 2022

Pine-Richland Middle and High School Students and Families,

We would like to welcome you to Pine-Richland Virtual Academy Plus (PRVA+). Over the past few weeks, we have been working with your teachers, counselors, and administrators to prepare for your transition to this online program. Since March of 2020, we have learned many strategies for making online learning a positive and rewarding experience.



On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, you are scheduled to begin participating in the PRVA+ program. Prior to February 16th, your teachers will share links to enter their classrooms virtually. These links will be shared through email, Google Calendar, Google Classroom, or Blackboard. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher. Unless directed by your teacher, cameras should remain on at all times.

We understand that transitions are difficult. Please make sure that you reach out to your school counselor or a building administrator if you have any questions or concerns. You will remain in PRVA+ until at least the end of the third nine weeks, March 25, 2022. If you are engaged in any extra- or co-curricular activities, you can continue to participate in person or if virtual options exist. Please understand that the district does not provide transportation to or from the high school/middle school campus.

Similar to in-person learning, attendance and engagement are vital for you to be successful. You will follow your 2021-2022 in-person schedule starting each day with homeroom. Developing healthy, daily routines will help ensure you are on time and ready to learn. In collaboration with other students and families who have found success in this program, along with [Common Sense Education](#), we have developed a list of best practices that align with our RAMS Way initiative.

Take time to CAREFULLY review the RAMS Way Virtual Learning Pledge listed below and then return the signed Pledge to your homeroom teacher by Friday, February 18, 2022.

We wish you the best of luck as you transition into PRVA+.

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## RAMS Way Virtual Learning Pledge

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### [Download & Complete RAMS Way Virtual Learning Pledge](#)

As a student and a digital citizen, I pledge to follow the RAMS Way by following the tenets below:

#### **In an effort to be respectful to self, others, and property I will...**

- Enter class with the microphone muted.
- Raise my hand to speak and remain muted until called upon.
- Use kind words, emojis, and personalized settings (ex: avatars, background, etc) that are on topic including in the chat feature.
- Follow the Student Discipline Code guidelines.

#### **In an effort to be accountable I will...**

- Be on time with the camera on.
- Submit written excuses from my parents/guardians if I am tardy or absent from class.
- Review the attendance policy that applies to all in-person and virtual learners.
- Use a school-issued device.
- Check my calendar /email daily.
- Check my assignments daily.
- Monitor my grades and teacher feedback.
- Be prepared for class.
- Submit work by the due date.
- Use email only for school purposes.
- Wear school appropriate clothing that aligns to the dress code.
- Create a designated "learning space" so I can remain focused.

#### **To show my motivation for learning, I will...**

- Participate in Google Meet or Blackboard Collaborate Classes.
- Complete assignments by due date.
- Respond promptly.
- Complete work with my best effort.

#### **In an effort to be safe and focused on learning, I will . . .**

- Keep camera on and facing self.
- I will consider my background to ensure my classmates are not distracted (e.g., use the Google Blur feature, not bring pets or family members into the camera view unless given permission by my teacher).
- Stay within my workspace.
- \*Report inappropriate behavior to a trusted adult.
- Remain in a seated or standing position, if possible, at a table or desk.

#### **In exchange, my parent or caregiver will . . .**

- Support my digital learning by setting me up for success (Ex: Help set up a desk or table as a school-designated workspace with a background such as a wall or area that won't be distracting with heavy foot traffic).
- Communicate regularly with my teacher about my progress, and inform my teacher if I will be unable to attend class any given day.
- Help me use technology responsibly and safely and be a good digital citizen.
- Remain off camera unless presence is requested or invited by the teacher.
- Talk to me about the consequences of my behavior.
- Support me so that I can persevere through the select and stay model remaining in PRVA+ for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

I understand and will abide by the RAMS Way expectations outlined above. Failure to log into classes on time, on a district device, with my camera on, and actively participate and submit work in a timely manner will impact my attendance as I will be marked absent. Absences accrued in this virtual learning environment can and will still contribute to truancy and will be handled through School Attendance Improvement Plans (SAIP), a referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP), and intervention by the magistrate as necessary.

This DO NOT section was designed to provide clarity of expectations:

- DO NOT...
  - Attend class with the camera off.
  - Invite pets or family members into the camera view unless your teacher has given you permission to do so.
  - Share the meeting link with anyone.
  - Record meets or live classes.
  - Post inappropriate links, memes or comments in the chat feature.
  - Enter the meet with your microphone on.
  - Use meet links after school hours or without your teacher's permission.
  - Use your personal device or multiple devices during instruction or assessments.
  - Use your phone while in class (unless instructed to do so by your teacher).
  - Communicate with friends via email or shared documents unless those resources are needed for assigned learning activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_