

“Virtual Perkiomen” – Distance Learning Plan

Distance learning is an authentic and innovative reality of 21st century education. Most of us (students and faculty) have already or will in the near future, take a course with a component taught or facilitated remotely. “Virtual Perkiomen” is an opportunity to experience this recent educational shift while being responsive to our external priority of safety. Our shared goal remains the same; to deliver high quality teaching and learning while following best practices for health and security.

Daily Schedule

- A modified daily schedule will be implemented on weekdays from 8am to 1:20pm **EDT** with academic support from 7:30 to 9:30pm Monday through Thursday **EDT**.
 - Please Note: If you are in a different Time Zone and unable to follow the daily schedule, you are still expected to complete all of your classwork and any homework (independent work) before the next week begins.
- When possible, students should follow the Virtual Perkiomen schedule and rotate through their classes checking the Portal and participating in class activities. Faculty will be readily available during designated **class times** and **conference period** to answer questions.
- Students are welcome to email faculty questions outside of these times with faculty responding within 24 hours.
- Designated faculty will also be available during **academic support** hours from 7:30-9:30pm **EDT**, Monday through Thursday.
- In addition to classwork;
 - Upper School Students should expect no more than 1.5 hours of homework per class per week.
 - AP classes may assign additional exam preparation as optional assignments.
 - Middle School Students should expect no more than 1 hour of homework per class per week.
- Perkiomen faculty are dedicated to working with each and every student to help them find success with Virtual Perkiomen. If you are in a different time zone or otherwise unable to follow the daily schedule, you should feel comfortable participating over the course of the week. Contact your advisor and teachers to discuss your needs.

Preparation Before Thursday March 19th

Before the start of Virtual Perkiomen, all students should check the following;

- Check Your Device: Perkiomen is a 1 to 1 iPad school. If you do not have access to your iPad, be sure you have a laptop or smart phone capable of checking the Portal and Perkiomen email.

- Check Your Portal Login: Login to Perkiomen.org and make sure you can access all of your course homework pages.
- Check Your Perkiomen Email: Be sure you can access your **Perkiomen email**. This will be our primary form of communication both for classes and any school wide updates including morning announcements.

If you are having an issues with any one of these, please contact PerkHelpDesk@perkiomen.org as well as your advisor.

Orientation

Virtual Perkiomen will begin on **Thursday March 19th** with an advisory meeting at 10:30am **EDT**. Students will review the daily schedule with their advisor and trouble shoot any tech issues. On **Friday March 20th**, students should look for emailed instructions from their teachers and check the Portal to preview their course assignments for next week. The Virtual Perkiomen daily schedule will begin with regular classes on **Monday March 23rd**. As the plan rolls into action, adjustments will be made to optimize student experience.

Important Reminder

As we collectively increase our use of digital forms of communication, it is essential that all community members follow our “acceptable use policy,” all school rules, and abide by the Community Handbook. Email, discussion board posts, and any other digital communication tools require the use of common sense and sound judgment. Your goodwill and vigilance are essential.