



Virtual Learning During COVID-19 School Closure

Goals

- Stay connected with, and support, our youth and families
- Continue to enrich and educate our youth through virtual learning experiences
- Help empower our youth to prepare for next school year despite the school closure

Schedule

- Virtual programming will begin the week of April 13th and will end on May 28th. Youth will meet live via Google Meet 1 day per week for 1 hour (3-4 p.m.)
 - Tuesdays: 6th/7th (both THMS/Skyline)
 - Wednesdays: 8th and 9th Grade Academies
 - Thursdays: 10th and 11th Grade Academies

Programming/Strategies

- Bi-weekly phone calls to youth/families
- Call youth on their birthday
- On-going outreach to high school youth via REMIND text messaging system
- Use Google Classroom platform (in partnership with the Harrisonburg City Public Schools) to communicate with youth and provide learning activities
 - 6th/7th graders will be provided with 4 activities per week that they can work on throughout the week. For example, a virtual field trip with some sort of reflection (survey, form, etc.)
- Weekly in-person sessions via Google Meet (see schedule above). Sessions mostly involve guest speakers on a range of academic, social-emotional, college and career related topics. Examples include:
 - 6th/7th: Career focused session led by an On the Road Collaborative volunteer Community Teacher.
 - 8GA/9GA: Partner with our middle and high school counselors who will lead weekly sessions to help better prepare our 8th graders for high school and our 9th graders for their transition to 10th grade.
 - 10GA/11GA: Participate in Virtual College Tour experiences. These sessions generally include a virtual college tour, presentation by college personnel, and Question & Answer.
 - College workshops currently scheduled include: Bowie State University (MD), William and Mary, Stetson College (FL), Blue Ridge Community College, Eastern Mennonite University.
 - Other Specialized Programming:
 - Emerging Chefs Career Enrichment Course will do two days per week of virtual learning from 4pm-5pm that will include live demonstrations and brief instructional videos
 - English VOICES program will do 1 day per week of virtual learning from 3pm-4pm to continue writing poetry and work towards publishing their book