

Dear Mighty Owl Parents and Students:

For Middle School, the Alief ISD school year starts virtually on **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 8:40 a.m.** for all students utilizing **Alief Learns at Home** via the AliefHUB and Schoology <https://launchpad.classlink.com/aliefisd> .

Last year, we moved very quickly and unexpectedly to virtual learning. We learned a lot from that experience. We have taken a lot of time and put in much work to ensure that we provide the best instruction possible in a remote setting this fall. This semester, even though we will be learning and teaching remotely in a virtual environment, **our education expectations are the same as they would be if you were learning in person.**

ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME – STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. **ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME** is a virtual experience and **all students will need an internet capable device (computer, laptop, tablet, I-Pad) and access to the internet at home** to be able to access Schoology and the AliefHub to be successful. When students re-enrolled this summer, they indicated if they had a device and internet access. Those indicating a need for a device or internet access will receive information from their campus as to when to come to campus to pick up those items. Make sure you keep the devices charged for school.
2. **Daily attendance is required.** If a student is absent, the student will need to make up missed work. **Students are expected to attend all 8 periods as scheduled every school day-** just as if they were coming to campus in person.
3. If a student misses class, he/she will be marked absent and parent/guardians will be notified. After 10 absences in the semester, **students will lose credit due to lack of attendance.** Truancy laws are still in effect.
4. **Grades will be awarded for assignments and work assigned to students.** Students are expected to fulfill all work expectations for each class. Student grades will be calculated and reported as they would be when students are on campus. These grades will be used to calculate their progress reports and report cards. We will use our normal grading scale for grades on progress reports and report cards. **Semester averages will be used to calculate GPA and Class Rank and will be part of a student's transcript.**
5. Tests and projects are a part of the educational process. Students are expected to fulfill all work expectations. Academic honesty is required. Academic dishonesty (cheating) has consequences.
6. Most of the textbooks for students are located on-line in the AliefHUB and Schoology. Some classes may require additional items such as art supplies or musical instruments. Teachers will notify students when the campus will begin distribution of these additional items.
7. Lunch and breakfast intended to eat the next day can be picked up at school between 5pm – 7pm M-F for enrolled students (students must prove enrollment).
8. Fill out the lunch application online at www.schoolcafe.com. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you also qualify for the following:
 - a. FREE College Applications when you apply to colleges
 - b. FREE SAT / ACT Testing
 - c. Pell Grant Eligibility when you go to college
 - d. More money for our school to provide supplies and services for students!
9. **Students and parents will be able to access their individual schedule in the Home Access Center (HAC) on the morning of Wednesday, August 5th.** Every student and family should have a Home Access Center account. If you need to register to create an account go to www.aliefisd.net/hac to register for HAC. **If you have forgotten your password, please contact your counselor or Technology Specialist.**

Helpful Hints - How to be successful in ALIEF LEARNS AT HOME -

1. **Pay attention to all communication from Olle Middle School and Alief ISD.**
2. Get school supplies. Tax-Free Weekend is July 31 – August 2.
3. Set up your learning area or space in your home. Remove distractions.
4. Adjust your schedule to match the school day.
5. Actively participate via Schoology with your class.
6. Get at least 8 hours of sleep nightly.
7. Pay attention to all communication from Olle Middle School and Alief ISD.

I hope that this letter addresses many of your remaining questions as we approach the first day of school. As always, please monitor our campus social media outlets and our web page.

Though we will not start the school year together in person, I have faith that you will be able to adapt and be successful in this new virtual environment - **Alief Learns at Home**. Remember, you are a Mighty Owl; you've got this! #olleIMPACT #BringYourA-GAME #DefinIt.AlignIt.Dolt.

Yours in Education,

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OLLE MIDDLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE

Advisory	8:40-8:55
1st Period	9:02-9:47
2nd Period	9:54-10:39
3rd Period	10:46-11:31
Lunch	11:31-12:01
4th Period	12:02-12:47
5th Period	12:54-1:39
6th Period	1:46-2:31
7th Period	2:38-3:23
8th Period	3:30-4:15

Students need to log-on to Schoology and follow your classes listed beginning with Advisory each day.

Go Owls!