



*We promise families a school with a challenging academic program and a culture that values integrity, academic excellence, civic responsibility and accountability that centers on college and career readiness.*

Dear Charlton Heston Academy School Community,

In recent days the Charlton Heston Academy staff members have begun to plan for a remote educational plan for the remainder of the school year. This letter will describe the program and help answer some common questions of the school community.

First, it is a state requirement for all schools to continue teaching and learning; however, this must be done in a manner alternative to the traditional face-to-face model. Therefore, CHA has developed the Charlton Heston Blended Learning Academy (CHBLA) that will begin on Monday, April 20, 2020. The educational program was designed per grade level, and each grade level has created a grade-specific cover letter to provide directives and expectations for each student and family.

Second, while the Academy does have the capacity to provide technology and related resources to all families, the instructional delivery method was decided on at each grade level. In working through many groups during this planning process, it was decided the best approach may be a more traditional learning approach where hard copy work packets and relative resources are provided to families. More specific information and directions are included in the grade level letter you'll receive. Regardless if a student is learning remotely using hard copy work packets or from a virtually/computer-based approach, CHA is committed to ensuring all students receive an equal opportunity at being successful in this environment.

Third, all teachers and administrators will be available during the normal work hours (8am-4pm) on the days school is in session per the annual calendar. We expect all teachers and administrators to reply to all inquires in a timely manner. However, in planning for instances where staff may be overwhelmed with inquiries and student needs, CHA has set a standard that all inquiries must be responded to within 24 hours.

Fourth, CHA is prepared to ensure all students can retrieve their belongings from the building. At this time we cannot have students and families in the building. So, teachers will place all known belongings in bags and coordinate with parents to pick up belongings along with work packets at the bus stops. If parents are unable to pick up at the bus stop please contact the school at 989-632-3390 to make other arrangements to retrieve belongings.

Fifth, hard copy packets of work will be delivered beginning this Thursday. The packets will be delivered by the school buses to the bus stops. Teachers will be in contact with all families to further explain this. All families should be prepared to pick up the packets at your regular bus stop during the regular scheduled afternoon stop times. If your child does not normally ride the bus the teacher will coordinate for you to pick up at the bus stop closest to your home. The bus schedule can be found at <https://charltonhestonacademy.com/our-school/busing/>. Teachers are making packets every three weeks. So, the delivery dates for packets are April 16, May 7, May 28, July 9, and July 30. Teachers will constantly check in on the progress of students. However, hard copy work will not need to be returned to teachers.

Last, please be sure to either complete the attached re-enrollment application, or the preferred method is to go to the following link and complete the application at: <https://charltonhestonacademy.com/7426-2/>. This ensures your child has a spot saved for fall 2020 at Charlton Heston Academy, and allows our staff to begin planning accordingly.

Charlton Heston Academy will continue the remote learning plan throughout the summer months, as aligned to the annual school calendar. However, at this time it is expected that students and staff will NOT be returning to the building for normal school business. Of course, we will wait on additional information from the Governor's office as things are always subject to change.

As always, I very much thank you for your support and commitment to CHA.

Regards,  
David Patterson, Superintendent

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