The Commonwealth Governor's School



2020-2021 Instructional Plan

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Overview

The Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS) is a regional Academic-Year Governor's School program which serves gifted and highly motivated students across four counties, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford.

Across these four participating school divisions, CGS has six separate sites and twelve participating high schools.

County	Site	Participating High Schools
Caroline County King George County	King George Site	Caroline HS King George HS
Spotsylvania County	Riverbend Site	Chancellor HS Riverbend HS
Spotsylvania County	Spotsylvania Site	Courtland HS Massaponax HS Spotsylvania HS
Stafford County	Colonial Forge Site	Brooke Point HS (Grades 11- 12) Colonial Forge HS
Stafford County	North Stafford Site	Mountain View HS North Stafford HS
Stafford County	Stafford Site	Brooke Point HS (Grades 9-10) Stafford HS

Models of Instruction

The Commonwealth Governor's School will offer two models for delivering instruction: virtual learning and hybrid instruction. CGS will provide models of instruction that match each participating school division.

All four participating school divisions are starting the school year with a 100% virtual learning plan. Each school division has delineated their start dates and potential dates for transitioning into hybrid instruction. CGS will honor these dates, and note that they are subject to change as determined by each individual school division. Please see the chart below.

School Division	Start Date	Earliest Potential Transition Date to Hybrid/In-Person Learning
Caroline County	August 24, 2020	January 5, 2021
King George County	August 31, 2020	KGCS is continually reassessing and the return date is TBD.
Spotsylvania County	August 17, 2020	October 12, 2020
Stafford County	August 31, 2020	SCPS will reassess after winter break and consider returning after 1 st semester.

In the CGS virtual learning model, students will be provided synchronous (together with teachers), online instruction using Zoom daily and teachers will use Blackboard as the learning management system (LMS). Please note: teachers are provided flexibility to utilize Canvas or Google classroom for instructional purposes. However, all teachers will provide a link on their Blackboard page if they choose to use a separate system for organization and instruction. Blackboard is the central hub for CGS teachers and students, and families can access this site to find any and all materials for their CGS classes.

In the CGS hybrid learning model, students who have selected to return to school will be divided into two groups by their comprehensive high school. Those who attend in person will do so according to the schedule delineated by their school division.

- On days when hybrid learning students are not attending in person, those students will login to class via Zoom and receive synchronous instruction from their teachers with the other half of students who are attending in-person.
- CGS students who elect to stay 100% virtual when the hybrid plan goes into effect will continue to login to class via Zoom and will participate in classroom instruction virtually with the rest of their CGS grade level.

If and when hybrid instruction begins and rolling closures occur due to COVID-19 exposure or spread, CGS students will revert back to the virtual learning model.

Schedules of Instruction

Due to the vastly different schedules between the four participating school divisions, CGS will be providing instruction in sub-regional pods for the 2020-2021 school year. All three sites in Stafford County will act as a pod, and the two sites in Spotsylvania and the one site in King George County will act as a second pod. Although the times do not align perfectly across the six sites, the CGS staff made a concerted effort to plan and schedule in a manner that allows students across the sites and region to interact with one another.

Calendars will be provided to students often via Blackboard or email to ensure they know when and where they should login for any particular class/activity. Please review the attached schedules closely as each county will follow a different schedule.

Caroline County Schedule – Caroline HS Students

Grades 9 & 10 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00am –	A1	B1		A1	B1
9:00am			Students Work at		
9:30am –	A2	B2	Home	A2	B2
10:30am					
10:30am			LUNCH		
_					
11:15am					
11:19am	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
_	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
12:55pm	9 th : Social	9 th : English	 Culminating 	9 th : Social	9 th : English
	Studies	10 th : Science	 Guest Speakers 	Studies	10 th : Science
	10 th : Math		• Virtual Field	10 th : Math	
12:59pm	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	Trips	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
-2:35pm	Classes	Classes	• Special Classes	Classes	Classes
	9 th : Math	9 th : Science	1	9 th : Math	9 th : Science
	10 th : Social	10 th : English		10 th : Social	10 th : English
	Studies			Studies	

Please note: Students will have both whole class instruction as well as small group and/or individual meetings during each of their CGS instructional blocks. They may not be online for the entire 96 minute block.

Caroline County Schedule – Caroline HS Students

Grades 11 & 12 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am –	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
9:06am	Classes 11 th : English 12 th : Science	Classes 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math	CulminatingGuest SpeakersVirtual Field	Classes 11 th : English 12 th : Science	Classes 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math
9:10am – 10:46am	CGS Virtual Classes 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Virtual Classes 11 th : Math 12 th : Social Studies	Trips • Special Classes	CGS Virtual Classes 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Virtual Classes 11 th : Math 12 th : Social Studies
10:46am - 11:55pm			LUNCH		
12:00pm - 1:00pm	A3	В3	Students Work at	A3	В3
1:30pm – 2:30pm	A4	B4	Home	A4	B4

Please note: Students will have both whole class instruction as well as small group and/or individual meetings during each of their CGS instructional blocks. They may not be online for the entire 96 minute block.

King George County Schedule – King George HS Students

Grades 9 & 10 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am –	1	1		1	1
9:06am			Students Work at		
9:10am –	2	2	Home	2	2
10:46am					
10:46am-			LUNCH		
11:19am					
11:19am	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
_	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
12:55pm	9 th : Social	9 th : English	 Culminating 	9 th : Social	9 th : English
	Studies	10 th : Science	Guest Speakers	Studies	10 th : Science
	10 th : Math		• Virtual Field	10 th : Math	
12:59pm	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	Trips	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
-2:35pm	Classes	Classes	• Special Classes	Classes	Classes
	9 th : Math	9 th : Science	F 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	9 th : Math	9 th : Science
	10 th : Social	10 th : English		10 th : Social	10 th : English
	Studies			Studies	

Please note: Students will have both whole class instruction as well as small group and/or individual meetings during each of their instructional blocks. They may not be online for the entire 96 minute block.

King George County Schedule – King George HS Students

Grades 11 & 12 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am –	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
9:06am	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
	11 th : English	11 th : Social	 Culminating 	11 th : English	11 th : Social
	12 th : Science	Studies	 Guest Speakers 	12 th : Science	Studies
		12 th : Math	 Virtual Field 		12 th : Math
9:10am –	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	Trips	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
10:46am	Classes	Classes	 Special Classes 	Classes	Classes
	11 th : Science	11 th : Math	1	11 th : Science	11 th : Math
	12 th : English	12 th : Social		12 th : English	12 th : Social
		Studies			Studies
10:46am			LUNCH		
_					
11:19pm					
11:19am	3	3		3	3
_			Students Work at		
12:55pm			Home		
12:59pm	4	4		4	4
– 2:35pm					

Please note: Students will have both whole class instruction as well as small group and/or individual meetings during each of their instructional blocks. They may not be online for the entire 96 minute block.

Spotsylvania County Schedule – CGS Riverbend & Spotsylvania Site Students

Grades 9 & 10 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00am	A1	B5		A1	B5
_					
8:45am					
8:55am	A2	B6	Students	A2	B6
_			Work at		
9:40am			Home		
9:50am	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual		CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
_	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
10:35am	9 th : Social Studies	9 th : English		9 th : Social Studies	9 th : English
	10 th : Math	10 th : Science		10 th : Math	10 th : Science
10:45am	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual		CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
_	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
11:30am	9 th : Math	9 th : Science		9 th : Math	9 th : Science
	10 th : Social Studies	10 th : English		10 th : Social Studies	10 th : English
11:30am			LUNCH		
_					
12:00pm					
12:05pm	A1	B5		A1	B5
_			Attendance		
12:35pm			Check-In &		
12:40pm	A2	B6	Students	A2	B6
_			Work at		
1:10pm			Home		
1:15pm	CGS	CGS	CGS	CGS	CGS
_	Math and/or	English and/or		Math and/or	English and/or
2:20pm	Social Studies	Science		Social Studies	Science
		~			~
	• Special Sessions	Special	• Culminating	1	• Special
	• Labs/Demos	Sessions	• Guest	• Labs/Demos	Sessions
	• Small Group	Lab/Demos	Speakers	Small Group	• Lab/Demos
	Work	Small Group	• Virtual Field	Work	• Small Group
	 Collaboration 	Work	Trips	 Collaboration 	Work
	 Remediation 	Collaboration	• Special	 Remediation 	 Collaboration
		Remediation	Classes		 Remediation

Please note that CGS students are expected to login to their Zoom sessions in both the morning and afternoon.

Spotsylvania County Schedule – CGS Riverbend & Spotsylvania Site Students

Grades 11 & 12 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00am –	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual		CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
8:45am	Classes 11 th : English	Classes 11th: Social		Classes 11 th : English	Classes 11 th : Social
	12 th : Science	Studies	Students Work	12 th : Science	Studies
	12": Science	12 th : Math	at Home	12 ^m : Science	12 th : Math
8:55am –	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	at Home	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
9:40am	Classes	Classes		Classes	Classes
9.40a111	11 th : Science	11 th : Math		11 th : Science	11th: Math
	12 th : English	12 th : Social		12 th : English	12 th : Social
	12 . Eligiisii	Studies		12 . Eligiisii	Studies
9:50am –	A3	B7	-	A3	B7
10:35am	AS	D/		AS	D7
10:35am	A4	B8	-	A4	B8
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11:30am					
11:30am			LUNCH		
			LOIVEII		
12:00pm					
12:05pm	CGS	CGS	CGS	CGS	CGS
	English and/or	Math and/or		English and/or	Math and/or
1:10pm	Science	Social Studies		Science	Social Studies
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	 Special Sessions 	• Special	Culminating	• Special	• Special
	 Labs/Demos 	Sessions	• Guest	Sessions	Sessions
	• Small Group	• Lab/Demos	Speakers	• Labs/Demos	• Labs/Demos
	Work	Small Group	• Virtual Field	Small Group	Small Group
	 Collaboration 	Work	Trips	Work	Work
	• Remediation	Collaboration	• Special	Collaboration	Collaboration
	Remediation	Remediation	Classes	Remediation	Remediation
		remediation	0146505	rtemedianon	remediation
1:15pm	A3	B7	Students Work	A3	A4
1:15pm -	A3	B7	Students Work at Home	A3	A4
1:15pm - 1:45pm	A3	B7		A3	A4
	A3	B7 B8		A3	A4 B8
- 1:45pm					

Please note that CGS students are expected to login to their Zoom sessions in both the morning and afternoon.

Stafford County Schedule – CGS Colonial Forge, North Stafford, & Stafford Site Students

Grades 9 & 10 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00am –	Student	X1	Y1	X1	Y1
11:00am	Check-Ins &				
11:05am –	Work at	X2	Y2	X2	Y2
12:05pm	Home				
12:10pm –			LUNCH		
12:50pm					
12:55pm –	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
1:55pm		Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
	 Culminating 	9 th : Social	9 th : English	9 th : Social	9 th : English
	• Guest	Studies	10 th : Science	Studies	10 th : Science
	Speakers	10 th : Math		10 th : Math	
2:00pm -	• Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
3:00pm	Field Trips	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
	• Special	9 th : Math	9 th : Science	9 th : Math	9 th : Science
	Classes	10 th : Social	10 th : English	10 th : Social	10 th : English
		Studies		Studies	
3:05pm –	Student	Student	Student	Student	Student
3:30pm	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours

Stafford County Schedule – CGS Colonial Forge, North Stafford, & Stafford Site Students

Grades 11 & 12 CGS Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00am –	CGS	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
11:00am		Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
	 Culminating 	11 th : English	11 th : Social	11 th : English	11 th : Social
	• Guest	12 th : Science	Studies	12 th : Science	Studies
	Speakers		12 th : Math		12 th : Math
11:05am –	• Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual	CGS Virtual
12:05pm	Field Trips	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
	• Special	11 th : Science	11 th : Math	11 th : Science	11 th : Math
	Classes	12 th : English	12 th : Social	12 th : English	12 th : Social
			Studies		Studies
12:10pm –			LUNCH		
12:50pm					
12:55pm –	Student	X3	Y3	X3	Y3
1:55pm	Check-Ins &				
2:00pm -	Work at	X4	Y4	X4	Y4
3:00pm	Home				
3:05pm –	Student	Student	Student	Student	Student
3:30pm	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours	Hours

Spotsylvania County Schedule – CGS Riverbend Site Students

Grades 9 & 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	All students are virtual.	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person
7:35 – 9:00 am	A1	В5		A1	B5
9:05 – 10:30 am	A2	В6	Students Work at	A2	В6
10:35 – 11:10 am	LUNCH / TRAVEL RHS and ChHS First Lunch: 10:35-11:00		Home	LUNCH / TRAVEL RHS and ChHS First Lunch: 10:35-11:00	
11:10 am – 12:35pm	CGS Classes 9th: Social Studies 10th: Math	CGS Classes 9 th : English 10 th : Science	CGS Classes 1:15 – 2:20 pm	CGS Classes 9th: Social Studies 10th: Math	CGS Classes 9 th : English 10 th : Science
12:40 – 2:05pm	CGS Classes 9 th : Math 10 th : Social Studies	CGS Classes 9 th : Science 10 th : English	Culminating Guest Speakers Virtual Field Trips Special Classes	CGS Classes 9th: Math 10th: Social Studies	CGS Classes 9 th : Science 10 th : English
2:05-2:20pm	TRAVEL / STUDY HALL		Î	TRAVEL / S	TUDY HALL

Spotsylvania County Schedule – CGS Riverbend Site Students

Grades 11 & 12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	All students are virtual.	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person
7:35 – 7:45 am	TRAVEL / STUDY HALL		Students	TRAVEL / STUDY HALL	
7:45 – 9:05 am	CGS Classes: 11 th : English 12 th : Science	CGS Classes: 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math	Work at Home	CGS Classes: 11 th : English 12 th : Science	CGS Classes: 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math
9:10 – 10:30 am	CGS Classes: 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Classes: 11 th : Math 12 th : Social Studies		CGS Classes: 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Classes: 11 th : Math 12 th : Social Studies
10:30 – 10:45 am	TRAVEL			TRAVEL	
10:35 am – 12:50 pm	A3 Lunch during A3*	B7 Lunch during B7*	CGS Classes 12:05 – 1:10 pm Culminating Guest Speakers Virtual Field Trips Special Classes	A3 Lunch during A3*	B7 Lunch during B7*
12:55 – 2:20 pm	A4	В8	Students Work at Home 1:15 – 2:20 pm	A4	В8

*RHS and ChHS Lunch Schedules

L1: 10:35 – 11:00 am L2: 11:10 – 11:35am L3: 11:45 am – 12:10pm

L4: 12:25 – 12:50pm

Spotsylvania County Schedule – CGS Spotsylvania Site Students

Grades 9 & 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	All students are virtual.	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person
Each HS has	A1	B5		A1	B5
a slightly	A2	B6		A2	В6
different bell			Students		
schedule for			Work at		
classes.			Home		
Please check					
your HS bell schedule					
online.					
10:45 – 11:10					
am	LUNCH / TRAVEL*			LUNCH /	TRAVEL*
	CHS, MHS, & SHS First Lunch:			CHS, MHS, & SHS First Lunch:	
	10:45-11:10			10:45-11:10	
11:20 am –	CGS Classes	CGS Classes		CGS Classes	CGS Classes
12:35pm	9 th : Social	9 th : English	CGS Classes	9 th : Social	9 th : English
	Studies	10 th : Science	1:15-2:20	Studies	10 th : Science
	10 th : Math		pm	10 th : Math	
12:40 – 1:55	CGS Classes	CGS Classes	Culminatin -	CGS Classes	CGS Classes
pm	9 th : Math	9 th : Science	Culminating Guest Speakers	9 th : Math	9 th : Science
	10 th : Social	10 th : English	Virtual Field	10 th : Social	10 th : English
1.55 2.2000	Studies		Trips	Studies	
1:55-2:20pm	TRAVEL / S'	/ STUDY HALL Special Classes TRAVEL / STUDY HALL		TUDY HALL	

*Lunch/Travel Schedule

MHS/CHS Students – Eat 1st lunch and report to the CGS bus at the end of the lunch shift. This schedule may be adjusted to an earlier departure after the first few days of the hybrid schedule.

SHS Students – Eat 1st lunch and report to the CGS classrooms at the end of the lunch shift.

$Spotsylvania\ County\ Schedule-CGS\ Spotsylvania\ Site\ Students$

Grades 11 & 12

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	Group 1 – In-Person Group 2 & 3 - Virtual	All students are virtual.	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person	Group 1 & 3 – Virtual Group 2 – In-Person
7:30 – 7:50 am	TRAVEL / STUDY HALL		Students	TRAVEL / STUDY HALL	
7:55 – 9:10 am 9:15 – 10:30 am	CGS Classes: 11 th : English 12 th : Science CGS Classes: 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Classes: 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math CGS Classes: 11 th : Math 12 th : Social	Work at Home	CGS Classes: 11 th : English 12 th : Science CGS Classes: 11 th : Science 12 th : English	CGS Classes: 11 th : Social Studies 12 th : Math CGS Classes: 11 th : Math 12 th : Social
10:30 – 10:45 am	Studies TRAVEL			Studies	
Each HS has a slightly different bell schedule for classes. Please check your HS bell schedule	A3 Lunch during A3*	B7 Lunch during B7*	CGS Classes 12:05 – 1:10 pm Culminating Guest Speakers Virtual Field Trips Special Classes	A3 Lunch during A3*	B7 Lunch during B7*
online.	A4	В8	Students Work at Home 1:15 – 2:20 pm	A4	В8

*CHS Lunch Schedules	MHS Lunch Schedules	SHS Lunch Schedules
L1: 10:45 – 11:10 am	L1: 10:51 – 11:16 am	L1: 10:45 – 11:14 am
L2: 11:15 – 11:40am	L2: 11:21 – 11:46 am	L2: 11:19 – 11:48 am
L3: 11:50 am – 12:15pm	L3: 11:51 am – 12:16 pm	L3: 11:53 am – 12:22 pm
L4: 12:20 – 12:45pm	L4: 12:21 – 12:46 pm	L4: 12:27 – 12:56 pm

Health & Safety Plans

When CGS students return to school or participate in select on-site events or activities, they will follow the health and safety plan of the school or venue. Listed below are the links to each school division's Return to Learn instructional plan, which includes their health and safety precautions, or their health services page.

Caroline County Public Schools – pages 11-17 http://www.ccps.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CCPS-R2L-Instruction-Plan.pdf

King George County Schools – pages 6-7 (Processes & Systems)

https://www.kgcs.k12.va.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_2822000/File/News%20Documents%2020 20/KGCS%20NEW%20Instruction%20Plan%20VA%20Phased%20Reopening%20for%20VDO E%207_2020.pdf

Spotsylvania County Public Schools – pages 16-23

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Stafford County Public Schools https://www.staffordschools.net/Page/29163

Student Instruction & Related Services

CGS is committed to providing quality, rigorous instruction to all students in all learning models.

Addressing Learning Gaps

Students had a wide variety of experiences during the spring of 2020 during the initial COVID-19 school closures. Due to differences between school division plans, students may have experienced learning gaps in instructional content.

CGS will address these learning gaps using the following strategies:

- Providing summer assignments that review all pertinent concepts needed for upcoming course work in 2020-2021;
- Offering a virtual Mathematics Booster course to review Algebra I skills for all rising freshmen;
- Assessing students before, during, and after instruction and providing appropriate recovery strategies and progress monitoring to ensure success;
- Including review concepts during introductory instruction to ensure appropriate scaffolding of skills; and
- Using scheduled remediation and support time to help those in need.

Technology

Students will utilize a plethora of technology in order to participate in CGS learning this year.

- Zoom CGS has purchased licenses for all CGS teachers to utilize Zoom as our virtual instruction platform. The paid version of Zoom has a variety of safety features that will keep our students safe, and it also provides many instructional components that help students stay more engaged with their peers and instructors. All Zoom lessons are recorded and archived in the Blackboard system, which is secure and password protected (in a similar manner that our Broadcast lessons were previously).
- Blackboard Blackboard is the CGS Learning Management System (LMS) where all CGS courses can be accessed. If teachers choose to use another program (such as Canvas or Google Classroom), students will be able to access that program directly by logging into Blackboard and clicking a link on their course page.
- Virtual Lab Software CGS is purchasing various types of laboratory software for students to be able to participate in labs in the sciences.
- Device Needs Each school division is providing all students with a device if one is needed. Each school division will release information on when and where students may pick up a device.

• Internet Access – Students who do not have any internet access or insufficient access may be able to come to their comprehensive high school building to obtain access (depending upon the school division). Additionally, some school divisions are loaning hot spots to students without access in areas where they will work efficiently. If internet access is a concern, please contact the CGS Director, Mrs. Jennifer Grigsby, at jgrigsby@cgs.k12.va.us or 540-548-1278 so she can assist you.

Assessments

The CGS Honor Code (http://cgsva.org/honor-code/) is a key component of our belief system and focus on learning in this program. Grades are an indication of mastery of content, and honesty in the process of earning grades is paramount to truly helping students grow and develop fully as learners. Students will be assessed in the following ways:

- Formative assessments during virtual learning,
- Guided practice with peers,
- Independent practice including homework,
- Summative assessments that may be take-home and open-note and/or completed while online with teacher supervision without resources, and
- Performance assessments including writing assignments and project-based learning assignments.

Field Experiences

CGS provides unique field experiences to students in our program. Currently, CGS has scheduled virtual field experiences through the remainder of 2020. We have tentatively scheduled in-person field experiences starting in 2021, but we will reassess these trips and COVID-19 conditions as we get nearer to the departure dates.

Transportation

If and when school divisions begin offering the hybrid model of instruction, all participating school divisions will continue offering transportation to our travel students who come from remote comprehensive high schools to the CGS sites. Additionally, school divisions who are permitting students without internet access the ability to access the school building will provide bus transportation for those students as well. Please contact your school for more information.

Communication

The CGS Director and CGS teachers will communicate with families via email with information and instruction updates. In mid-August, all CGS students will receive an email with a link to a Google form from the CGS Director. This form must be completed in order to create a database of valid emails for all CGS families across all six sites. If form completion is a concern, families may contact Mrs. Grigsby at 540-548-1278.

Special Services

Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan will continue to receive their services and accommodations. All school divisions will be conducting meetings with families to update these plans to reflect the virtual learning environment and create strategies to best help those students to succeed in all of their classes, including CGS. CGS teachers will be available to help students outside of the assigned classroom instructional hours as indicated on the division schedules.

Since CGS is a program focused on meeting the needs of gifted and highly motivated learners, we will continue to provide instruction and learning opportunities focused on differentiating instructional pace, process, and product that meet the needs of our students.

Family Support

Parents should check-in with their child daily to ask about their child's learning and stress level. Ask open-ended questions that provide the student an opportunity to share what they learned and what activities they did to master the content and interact with their peers and teachers. Ask your child how they are feeling and if you can help them in any way (reading them questions from a study guide, help them organize their time/space, etc.).

Helping teenagers get the appropriate amount of sleep, eat healthy meals, engage in physical activity daily, and have a designated space to learn from home without distractions are all helpful strategies to increase a student's ability to maximize success in a virtual learning environment.

If your child is struggling in any manner, please reach out to your child's teacher and site leader as soon as possible. The CGS staff at each site want to help your child succeed, and they may have strategies to offer to help your child in the areas where they are struggling.

Social Emotional Well-Being of Students & Families Resources

The following resources are available to assist families who may be experiencing a difficulty in framing discussions and/or meeting various needs of their child(ren):

- Information Resources for Supporting Wellness During the Pandemic
- Resources for Engaging in Multicultural Conversations about Diversity
 - o <u>Tips for Respectful Conversations in Schools, Workplaces, and Communities</u>
 - o Talking to Kids about Discrimination
 - How to Talk to Kids About Race
- Local, Community-Based Supports
 - A number of community and mental health supports can be found on the following websites:
 - Caroline County
 - King George County
 - Spotsylvania County
 - Stafford County
 - Mental Health & Emergency Resources
 - Mental Health Provider Listing
 - In addition, parents/guardians/students should reach out to their child's comprehensive high school or CGS site with any questions or concerns, or if you need assistance in accessing any of the programs provided.

Social Emotional Well-Being of Staff Resources

Employees or their family members who find themselves in need of assistance should not hesitate in reaching out to their CGS Director, school principal, and/or the Office of Human Resources for your school division.

Employee Assistance Program

- <u>King George County</u> Use Control+F to search for Employee Assistance Program.
- Spotsylvania County
- Stafford County

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