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The mission of Deer Valley High School is to create a safe and positive learning culture by empowering students with the essential skills necessary to lead in their homes, careers, and communities.

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Dear Skyhawk Families,

Welcome back Deer Valley Skyhawks! Although this is not the way we intended to welcome the class of 2024, or welcome back our upperclassmen, we are excited to get back to teaching and learning virtually on Monday, August 3. Our goals will include continued student achievement academically, in the arts and athletics. These experiences may look differently this year, however our long-standing tradition of excellence will not waiver. We will work diligently to ensure your student has the best high school experience and welcome your continued support in your student's success.

While your student is now in high school, your guidance and encouragement is even more important. Daily routines are imperative, whether learning virtually or from a brick and mortar classroom. Students should wake up to a regular school schedule, groom, eat breakfast and make their way to their established home learning space. I know it may be difficult to get them in a structured routine (as my own boys would want to attend their Zoom classes from bed). I also recognize this has put a hardship on our parents, so do the best you can and reach out to a counselor or administrator if you need some support. Virtual learning this semester will look vastly different from last year's Home Learning. Students are required to attend their Zoom classes following a block schedule (attached to this email). Course work and assessments are also required and grades will count toward their semester final grade.

We have become more reliant on our school website (<https://www.dvhs.dvUSD.org>) to provide current information and communication within our community. You will find links to the Parent and Student Handbook, DVUSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, daily schedules, calendar of events and other pertinent links. We hope that you find this an easy way to access information by bookmarking our website in your Internet favorites.

PowerSchool continues to be our online grading and attendance program in which parents and students are able to access students' grades and attendance at any time from any computer using the Internet. The Parent Single Sign-On feature enhances parent access by providing the ability to access all of their students' grades and attendance with a single account. Each parent/guardian will have the ability to create his/her own individual account. We hope that you partner with us and use PowerSchool for attendance and grade checks on a regular basis. Parents also have an immediate email link to their students' teachers through PowerSchool. In addition, you may have the system send you the daily announcements, attendance and grades on a periodic basis. If you need support with Powerschool please contact the attendance office, Ms. Noara Puga, at 602-467-6736 or [noara.puga@dvUSD.org](mailto:noara.puga@dvUSD.org). Attendance will be taken each period during virtual learning. If students arrive late to their Zoom classroom, they will be marked tardy. We will follow our student handbook for tardiness and truancy, just as we would if we were physically on campus.

Canvas is the learning management system that will be used for all of our courses. In order to monitor student work and progress within Canvas, a parent/guardian is able to access their own account, allowing them to see nearly all the student sees. You can find directions to creating a parent account on our website.

We know this is a challenging time. We thank you for sharing your student with us and will do our very best to provide the high school experiences that our community expects and we expect of ourselves. Please feel free to reach out with any question you may have.

Sincerely,

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