Welcome to Alabaster City School’s Champions Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. We have been working diligently to make your year as wonderful as possible. Classes will start on August 19th, and we will be here to assist you all the way through the end of the year.

This year, almost all of our courses will be run through the online learning platform Edgenuity. If you are in one of the few classes run on Google Classroom, then you will be notified by that teacher.

Spencer Stone is directing the high school program, and Karen Evans is directing the middle school program.

***High School CVA students: as soon as possible, please fill out this form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwtVOwDMbEoWg9u9bhWa4CBfGm9p3oGTBn0SXQFUtR5UkaA/viewform?usp=sf_link

August 17th -

Please log into your Edgenuity account and make sure that everything looks correct. If there is a problem, or you have a question, then we will both be holding office hours on Google Meet tomorrow 10:15 - 2. Details below for logging into Edgenuity and joining the Google Meet.

If you are in a foreign language, BTA, or Management course, then your curriculum will be delivered through Google Classroom. Your teacher will email you separately.

***If you think you should be in a class that you are not enrolled in, or think you are in an extra class, then please email your grade level counselor AND Dr. Stone ASAP.***

Logging into Edgenuity
To login, go to https://clever.com/in/acsboe and login using your school email. Then, scroll down to the Edgenuity icon (hint: if you select the heart icon, it will keep it at the top of the page.). You MUST log in through clever. The first time you log in, a short orientation video will play, then you will see your home screen.

August 18th Office Hours information (only if you have questions/concerns) -

To join the video meeting, click this link: https://meet.google.com/kae-ijib-bty
Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 484-416-2299 and enter this PIN: 653 282 358#
To view more phone numbers, click this link: https://tel.meet/kae-ijib-bty?hs=5

Beginning Thursday, August 19th -
Logging into Edgenuity each school day will count as your attendance.
Being a Successful Online Student
The two keys to being a successful online student are time management and actively engaging in the lessons. You should plan to work on each course for about an hour each day. Your course map and progress bar should help you with keeping on pace. When watching a video, it is highly recommended that you take either written or e-notes (you can take e-notes using the + sign in the top left of the video screen). Working out the math practice problems on paper is also recommended. Some core courses have guided notes that are available to print out. These usually take a lot of paper and are not required, but they may be helpful to you. There are also some resource videos here about taking good notes for various courses.

Academic Integrity
All work done in an online course should be original work created and done by you. Any assignment that is determined to be plagiarized will receive a zero. You may use any of your own written or e-notes on the quizzes and tests, but no other outside resources are allowed for quizzes, tests, and exams.

CVA Advisor Role
Your CVA advisor’s role is to make sure you are staying on track to be successful. If you are struggling with pacing, you and your CVA advisor will work together to work your time management. If you are struggling with the content, then please contact a CVA advisor. Your advisor will be assigned in the coming weeks.

Grades
The grade that shows on your homescreen is your “Actual” grade. Your “overall” grade will show on your course report.

   Overall grade: This is the grade based on the assignments you have completed.
   Actual grade: This grade is the overall grade, with a percentage taken out if you are behind progress.

   For example, if you have turned in 5 assignments with an average of 80, your overall grade is 80.
   If you are at 30% completion and should be at 40% completion, your actual grade would be 80*(30/40) = 60.
   If you are at 10% completion and should be at 20% completion, your actual grade would be 80*(10/20)= 40.

If your actual grade is below a 70, interventions will be given, up to and including returning to school full time.

Parents and Guardians!
Edgenuity grades will NOT be shown in PowerSchool until the end of each semester. To see your student’s progress, ask your student to log in and view her or his home screen or course reports. If you would like to receive a daily or weekly progress email from Edgenuity, then you need to join the Edgenuity Parent Portal and/or Google Classroom. We will add your
email, that you input on the above Google Form into your system. If this has not been done by 8/13 please follow these directions -
For Edgenuity, please email Dr. Stone, Dr. Adams, or Ms.Cothran.
For Google Classroom, please email your student's teacher for that course.

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Your Home Screen

1. Here you see a list of all courses assigned to you, along with your current progress and course grade.
2. Click on the title of the course to explore the course map.
3. Or, click any blue Next Activity to begin working immediately in the course.

A progress bar shows your current progress. It also displays target progress if a start and target date have been assigned to the course by your teacher. This progress bar is blue if you are on track, green if you are ahead, and red when you start to fall behind.

The course tiles will also show you the current grade in each of your courses.

Your Course Map
(note: a short orientation video will play the first time you enter the course map section)

1. From the Home Page, click the title of the course that you would like to work on.
2. Here you see the course map displaying all activities assigned to you. The map auto loads to the next activity in the course, and you can use the course outline located to the right to see what has been assigned.

It is also where you can access the course report.
1. **Course Report:** provides detailed information about all activities assigned to you within a selected course. Access the Course Report by clicking the button on the top right within the Course Map.

The Course Report also serves as an assignment calendar. Print this report and check off each of your assignments as you work through the course!

This is also where you will find guided notes for lessons in English, Social Studies, and some math and science courses. Expand the lesson name menu to find the Guided Notes.

That was a LOT of information, but we wanted you to have everything you may need in one place. If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to email your CVA teacher!

Your CVA teachers are looking forward to “meeting” you this week, and we know you will be successful as a Champions Virtual Academy student!

Please save this email, as it contains important links that you may reference throughout the year.
Champions Virtual Academy Manual -


Video Explaining Grading Terms (very important) -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rsI1H1nxuf0u_Twqk_bl9o5O701jgtLW/view?usp=sharing

Thank you,

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