

April 20, 2020

Dear STC Students and Parents:

Schuylkill Technology Center will be amending our Continuity of Education Plan, effective Monday, April 27, 2020 in response to updated directives provided by the PA Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera. In response to the new guidance, STC will be moving from *Enrichment and Review* to **Planned Instruction**. Unlike the previous plan of *Enrichment and Review*, the **Planned Instruction** is mandatory and needs to be completed by all students.

Our Instructors have been providing *Enrichment and Review* materials to most students via Google Classroom, email and the STC website. A few student have had hard copy packets mailed to them due to a lack of access to digital technology. As we transition to **Planned Instruction**, it is important to also transition to a digital delivery model. Over the next week, STC will be working to ensure that all STC students can access digital material. Pottsville, Blue Mountain and Tamaqua school districts have made access to devices available to their students, including those attending STC. Students from other districts that currently lack a device, may contact me at sbrennan@stcenters.org or by calling 570-544-4748 ext 3115 to arrange for device pickup.

Attendance and participation will be recorded based on the completion and submission of the assignments. Grading for the fourth marking period will be based on work ethic. As educators, we realize this is not an easy process and recognize that most students chose STC for our “hands-on” learning environment. Our faculty understand the need to show flexibility as we enter the world of online learning. The revised Continuity of Education Plan (available at www.stcenters.org) will remain in effect for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Academic Year, which ends June 2, 2020.

Our Itinerant Instructors, Instructional Aides, Guidance Counselor and Social Worker are all available to assist STC students with academic, social, and emotional learning. The STC Staff will be reaching out to you via email and telephone. We hope that this instruction will help prepare our underclass students for the next academic year and our seniors for the world of work, military or post-secondary education. As a parent of three school age children, I share your frustrations and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to the staff for assistance.

Sincerely,

Shannon Brennan, M.Ed.
Director

