

## JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING | GROWING | SUCCEEDING

Dear Jersey Shore High School JSOL Families:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing the Jersey Shore School District as the provider for your online learning program. Online learning adds flexibility to student learning while also providing students with a strong curriculum which meets graduation requirements. Part of success in an online program is active participation. In accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) guidelines students are expected to complete 20 hours of online work each week.

The high school will be complying with this guidance by completing weekly checks on JSOL students. Specifically, we will look at active minutes and course progress. In the event that a JSOL student is not making sufficient progress in all courses or spending 20+ hours in the system the student will be marked absent until a valid excuse is provided to the school. The following breakdown is used as a guide when determining absences:

- 1200+ active minutes = full attendance
- 961-1199 active minutes = 1 day absent
- 721-960 active minutes = 2 days absent
- 491-720 active minutes = 3 days absent
- 241-480 active minutes = 4 days absent
- 0-240 active minutes = 5 days absent

As a general reminder, families have three business days to submit a valid excuse for an absence. Please note that when a student accrues three illegal absences a meeting will be scheduled to develop a Student Attendance Improvement Plan. At four illegal absences we may pursue truancy citations.

Students who do not participate in the online program regularly fall behind quickly and are often not able to make up the material in a timely fashion in order to continue participation in JSOL. Students who accumulate thirty days of absences excused and unexcused from any year long course or fifteen days of a semester-length course may be denied credit or possible grade promotion.

It is our desire to see all students succeed in school. Please ensure that your child has a space to work, access to reliable internet, and spends adequate time in all courses in order to complete the JSOL program.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your student,

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