



MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

Mercy High School Baltimore Online Access for Inclement Weather/Other Situations

When Mercy High School is closed for inclement weather or for other situations, the following online school plan will be put into place. These online days will count as regular school days and would not need to be made up later in the school year.

Program Guidelines:

- The online school will be utilized, either for inclement weather or other emergency.
- *The plan will be activated via the Mercy High School website and the school's alert system. The general rule is that two days could be allowed for inclement weather or other emergency; thereafter, all should expect to be continuing academic progress via online learning.*

Student Responsibilities:

Online school is a unique opportunity for students to continue their learning during what might otherwise have been a disruption and also to have an online experience – one that they will certainly have as they move through their higher education. Each lesson is designed to be meaningful, purposeful, and to make each student accountable for her work.

- Assignments each day away from school will be posted by 10:00 am on PlusPortals. All due dates/times will be listed on the assignment. Many assignments will be posted sooner than 10:00 am, so students are encouraged to log in early.
- If a student is ill and cannot complete the online work at home, parents need to call the school attendance line, just as on a regular day. That student will be recorded absent for the day and she will need to work with her teachers to make up all work, just as she would for a regular absence.
- Student work will be between 50 minutes per class, excluding homework and preparation for class. This time may vary for different learning styles.
- Teachers will be available for questions via email until 3:00 pm, but may be available beyond this time if they are able to do so.
- Teachers may use a variety of communication tools they have already used in class, such as FaceTime, Skype, online videos, Keynotes, PowerPoint, GoogleDocs, DropBox, or others. These will be included in the teacher directions and communication and linked from email or PlusPortals.
- If a student's power or internet connection is down, the student will report this to the Principal on the day she returns to school, accompanied by a note from the parent or guardian. Mercy will handle this on a case-by-case basis.