



OPTION 2 UPDATE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS AUGUST 13, 2020

It's almost time to begin the school year. I know many of you have been worried about the pace of information you have been receiving about the online program this year. Your feelings are completely understandable. Believe me, I wish we would have been able to roll everything out to you two weeks ago. Unfortunately, that just wasn't possible.

Teachers returned to work this week and have been spending time becoming familiar with the VLA platform and curriculum. They have been working together to plan processes and activities for students. They have been working out how they will meet the needs of the students who are participating in option 2. It's been a massive amount of work; this is all new to them just like it will be new to you and your student(s).

Because it's all new, we intend to extend patience and grace to every family participating. It will be OK if there's a problem next week and a log in doesn't work. We won't count your student absent. It will be OK if no work can happen on the first or second day. We won't assign zeros as grades. It will be OK if changes to courses need to be made. We'll help your student adjust pacing so everything can be completed in a reasonable amount of time. It will all be OK.

As we get started, please don't panic. We will sort out any issues as quickly as we can, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we do so.

I want to set your expectations for the next week or so:

- Platform access to VLA will be sent out tomorrow. Students will receive their access on their student gmail account. Parents/Caregivers will receive their access to their primary contact emails.
- All students K-6 are enrolled in 4 courses in VLA: English language arts, math, science, and social studies. When you log into the platform, you will be able to see the teacher's names.
- All students 7-8 are enrolled in VLA.
- Most students 9-12 are enrolled in VLA
- Some students 9-12 are enrolled in SchoolsPLP (hereafter, PLP)
- Students in 7-12 should have received their schedules earlier today via email. Along with that communication, there was a link to a Google Form to report any problems or issues to the guidance team. Please use that process, and work with your student's counselor to address any issues. It is OK if any issues are not resolved by Monday.
- It is possible PLP access will be delayed. We are working to take care of this issue as quickly as we can.
- For students who were enrolled in option 2 prior to this week, Monday, 8/17, is the start date. For students who switched to option 2 this week, the start date is 8/24, however, if these students receive credentials prior to 8/24, it is OK to begin work.

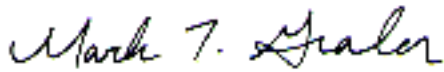
- Teachers have prepared welcome materials to help you get to know them. Those materials will be made available on Monday. They will either be sent via the email system inside VLA or PLP, or to parent emails VIA ProgressBook.
- The goal for Monday/Tuesday is to become familiar with the platform. Click into each course and into the first unit in each class. Teachers will be in touch with additional guidance.
- A good rule of thumb for pacing is to complete one unit in each course each week.

A note about email addresses: It is essential that your caregiver email addresses are accurate in our system. Please call a building office or the Option 2 line at 934-5797 to have your email updated. You will absolutely miss information from us if your email isn't accurate.

Please continue to monitor our **Online Students** webpage for updates and information. You can get there straight off the main page at lebanonschools.org

Please continue to indicate your device needs by using [this form](#). Pick up information for later today and tomorrow is [here](#). We will have times next week as well.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. Graler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'G'.

Mark T. Graler
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