

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

Apex Learning Implementation - Student & Parent/Guardian Information

Calvert County Public Schools recognizes the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on our school community. Our concern for the well-being of our students, staff, and their families continues to drive the decisions we make, including our efforts to transition learning to a digital environment. As CCPS navigates these uncertain waters, we must continually assess and adjust to the needs of our students, families, and staff.

In order to provide secondary teachers and students access to digital content during this extended school closure, CCPS will provide Apex Learning courses for students in grades 6-12. Access to these courses will support the continuity of learning and well-being of our families and staff. Apex courses will provide meaningful learning activities and resources to support teachers and students in a digital environment.

What is Apex Learning?

Apex Learning, Inc. is a provider of digital curriculum accredited by AdvancED. APEX Learning is an approved online course provider and is utilized by CCPS for diversified instructional purposes.

Will my child be using Apex?

Teachers will communicate directly with their students through Schoology if Apex is a resource they will be using in their online instruction.

What does Apex offer CCPS students?

Apex offers students the following:

- Flexible learning opportunities that can be adjusted based on family needs and schedule (Apex courses are available to learners 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).
- Easily accessible courses equipped with audio, video, animations, printable study sheets, and built in checkpoints already designed for distant delivery.
- Continuity of learning between classrooms with learning in a digital environment.
- Opportunities to engage in new curricular topics.
- Optional learning extensions for students who are ready to extend their learning.
- Content for courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, and other electives, such as business math.

What parents should expect learning to look like for their students?

Parents can expect that communications regarding lessons and assignments will remain consistent with the procedures and timelines already established by CCPS. Additionally, teachers will still provide students with feedback and discussion opportunities via Schoology. Apex lessons will offer students additional instruction into essential course content, which will extend their

understanding of essential course concepts. Additionally, parents will find that their children have opportunities to engage in voluntary extension lessons.

What learning activities and resources will be provided for courses that are not offered in Apex?

If a course is not in Apex, teachers will continue to develop lessons to be disseminated through Schoology in accordance with the guidelines established by CCPS.

Will students continue to work in Schoology?

Teachers will continue to use Schoology to assign students learning activities, provide feedback, and connect with students.

How do students access Apex Learning?

Students will access Apex through Schoology. Students in courses using Apex will be provided with a brief orientation video, which will teach them how to access their Apex course(s). Information about the orientation material will be made available to students via Schoology and their O365 email.