



Columbus Online Academy K-8

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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Hello, Columbus Online Academy K-8 Families, and Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year. This year marks the launch of our 3rd year in the online learning environment, and we are super excited and honored that you chose to join us and allow us the pleasure of educating your child(ren). As you know, online education is an innovative and challenging way to educate our students and we cannot do it alone. Parents, you are all our **teaching assistants** in this platform, and we will be relying on you for support throughout the year. This year we will be providing several different opportunities for you to come in and hear about how Columbus Online Academy K-8 (COA) works and why we see you as our teaching assistants. Please use this link to sign up for one of the **mandatory** Parent Welcome Meetings we will be hosting. As you will see, we have meetings scheduled for all different days, and times, including virtual and in-person. Each family only needs to attend **one** meeting.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AB2EA2FDCF8-parent1>

As a reminder for our returning students and for all of our new students, classes will be available starting August 23, 2023, which is Day One of school via the Canvas platform. Students will access the platform through Clever. If you need help with finding Canvas or Clever, please visit our website at <https://www.ccsok.us/columbusonlineacademy> the information can be found on both the Student and Parent pages. This site will be updated on a regular basis between now and when school starts, so please check back often to find answers to your questions.

One of the most important things you can do as a family is ensure your child is participating in their education each and every day. Although there is some flexibility as to when they work, all students need to participate daily. All classes will have a mixture of Synchronous, (meaning live on Zoom with their teacher) and Asynchronous (meaning independent work on their time) learning. During our orientation we will help further explain the difference in each of these types of learning and how your child will be counted as participated in each.

COA devices and any needed materials will be available for pick up during your orientation time. If you are participating in the online orientation or need your child's device before August 23rd, please call the main office at 614-365-6068 and Mrs. Smith will schedule a pickup time. We will review how to use the devices during the orientation. Please remember you are allowed to use personal devices if you prefer.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone Online!

- The staff of the Columbus Online Academy

