

## Ohio Virtual Academy ClassConnect Policy

It is the belief of The Ohio Virtual Academy that attendance at "live", synchronous class sessions called "ClassConnects" are critical in strengthening the understandings that students gain in independent study. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills such as collaboration, clear communication (both written and verbal), and critical thinking are all necessary for the workforce and higher education and therefore are a focus in these sessions. The following are our expectations for ClassConnect sessions:

- All Students are expected to attend synchronous ClassConnect sessions.
- Students may be excused from synchronous ClassConnect requirements if they have proven themselves to be successful as independent learners in the course, or if they have unique learning needs.
  - Parents/Learning Coaches must contact teachers directly to discuss this excusal.
  - Any changes to student ClassConnect requirements will be documented in his/her ILP.
- ClassConnect sessions will be held Monday- Thursday. Course frequency will vary among grade levels and courses. Fridays will be reserved for independent coursework.
- Teachers will make every attempt to provide ample time in ClassConnect to complete the day's lesson. There may be some "homework" to complete after scheduled lesson hours (9:15-3:15).
- ClassConnect Participation may be part of students' grades. Please check individual teacher policies.
- Recordings will be made available for students who missed class. If you are unable to view the recording within one day, please contact your teacher.
- In the case of conflicting class times, it is the student's responsibility to let both teachers know when they will be attending class.
- Students not attending ClassConnect sessions and not earning a passing grade in a course may be considered truant for non-attendance. All attendance policies apply.

