

Ringgold Virtual/Live Classroom - Option #2

Ringgold School District was pleased to offer the flexibility of the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) during the 2022-2023 school year. This flexibility allowed students to zoom into the classrooms live to watch lessons and learn in real time with their classmates who were present in the school building.

While we recognize the importance of providing flexible educational options for families, we also must stay true to the mission of Ringgold School District. We must be sure that each child is wholly participating and benefiting from their educational opportunities. For some students, the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) provides a venue that is unique, robust, and challenging. It allows students who have significant health risks or other serious concerns to see their friends and to remain in contact with teachers and classmates. For others, the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) may not provide the same structure and support that is provided to students who attend school in person. For those students, we do not recommend this option as it does not contribute to optimal student success.

The Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) provides less access to teachers, as teachers will not be seated at their desk in front of a camera for the class period. Teachers of students in this program will also be responsible for a classroom of students attending in person. While teachers have access to cameras and microphones, students in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) should not anticipate seeing their teacher on screen or receiving individual instruction for the majority of the class period. Additionally, this option prevents students from participating in laboratory experiences, project based learning, or other hands-on workshops that occur in classrooms. Students in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) should anticipate different learning experiences and assessments than their peers who attend school in person. The Virtual/Live Classroom also limits opportunities for social interactions with peers. The learning opportunities of students participating in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) will be delivered digitally and will require a measure of independence for a child to be successful. For that reason, Ringgold School District recommends that families carefully consider if the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) provides the best structure for their child.

To closely monitor student progress, the following rules apply for those interested in participating in the Ringgold Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2):

1. Attendance:
 - a. Students in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) must log on every day during the time of the class. Late log in will be treated as being late to class.
 - b. Students who are not logging in and attending will be subject to the truancy procedures of the District.
 - c. Student must remain logged in the entire class.
2. Academic Participation and Progress
 - a. Students will be permitted to enroll in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) at the start of the school year or at the start of a new grading period.
 - b. If a student is failing in two or more classes, a family meeting shall be required with the teacher(s) and administrator.
 - c. The student shall be given one week to complete the work that is missing or retake assessments.

- d. Students who were in the Virtual/Live Classroom (Option #2) for the 2021-2022 school year and failed two or more subjects must meet with an administrator to discuss whether an in-person start will be required for 2022-2023.
- e. Students who are required to start in person may transition to the Virtual/Live Classroom at the end of the first quarter of the school year if they are passing their classes.

3. Space and Time

- a. Students must have internet access that is reliable.
- b. Students must be able to access their Chromebook and log on each day.
- c. Students must have a quiet place to participate that is free of distractions.
- d. Students must be dressed appropriately for school.
- e. Students must be seated at a table or desk for instruction.
- f. Student cameras must be on the entire class, and the microphone should be muted, unless speaking with the teacher or directed otherwise.
- g. All other school rules apply to students in virtual/live instruction.