



# RINGGOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Cyber Academy Parents and Guardians,

It is with great enthusiasm that we write to you today to welcome you and your child to the Ringgold Cyber Academy! We know that parents have waited for several weeks and have been extremely patient while we have worked collaboratively with the Intermediate Unit 1 to complete the final set up for our Cyber Academy and to enter each student who selected the Cyber Academy into our system. The purpose of this letter today is to give you specific information about the next steps that will be occurring and how your child may begin their Ringgold Cyber Academy education on Tuesday.

On Monday, we will be reaching out to students and families to provide them with their username and password. This will allow students to access the Cyber Academy at <https://csi.iu1.org/> . Once students receive their username and password, they will be able to begin to navigate within the Ringgold Cyber Academy through the Fusion Cyber Solution website. Students will also receive information on the times for an introductory Zoom meeting where we will show students how to access the orientation video. The video will show students how to navigate in the Moodle and on the Cyber Solution site.

Because the Cyber Academy is new, we know that some people may wonder what a typical day might look like for a Ringgold Cyber Academy student. As we have shared, the Ringgold Cyber Academy is an asynchronous, video-based learning system. This means that students will be able to work through curriculum at their own pace and will be aided in their studies with the help of pre-recorded videos which are supplemented by learning activities that correspond to those learning videos. Because the Cyber School is a video-based curriculum, success requires a motivated and self-directed learner. In addition to the videos, there are several other means of support for students who may have questions about navigating in the system. These support mechanisms include the use of a help desk and an online chat feature which is staffed throughout the day and evening. We will explain these features to students during our introductory Zoom meetings. Students will also have time to contact their teachers. Teachers are generally available after 3 p.m. Teachers will provide feedback to students using the learning management system which is the Moodle.

*~ Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow ~*

We know that this is a new system for many parents and students and as a result we have put together a series of screenshots that are attached to this letter that we hope you will find helpful as you begin to navigate in the system. We are sure that there will be many questions that arise as students begin their journey in the Ringgold Cyber Academy. We know that this will be the first online learning experience for many students, and we pledge to be flexible and supportive of students. We ask that you do the same for us as we work to make the Cyber experience a great one within the Ringgold School District.

It is **very** important that students log into the system **every day** and record their attendance. The School District has named Mrs. Cottle, a guidance counselor as the OEA (Online Education Administrator) of the program. Mrs. Cottle is stationed at the High School but will be supporting students K-12. Mrs. Cottle can be reached at [mcottle@ringgold.org](mailto:mcottle@ringgold.org) Mrs. Crombie, Director of Curriculum, Innovation and Learning will also be available to answer questions and assist as we transition students into our Cyber Academy. Mrs. Crombie can be contacted at [scrombie@ringgold.org](mailto:scrombie@ringgold.org).

As always, I thank you for your support as we move into the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

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