



March 20, 2020

Welcome New GOAL Academy High School Students and Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited that you will be joining GOAL Academy as a new student. The safety, health and well-being of our students and staff is always our top priority at GOAL and due to the outbreak of the COVID 19, we are taking additional precautions to do our part to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. This includes closing our drop-in centers and providing online instruction only until further notice.

Due to the current situation, we have pushed the start date for new students enrolled for quarter 4 to Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the staff to prepare for the students to come to the site to pick up their needed school technology. GOAL Staff will be contacting all new students next week to find out what technology you will need and schedule a time for you to come into the site to pick up your computer. Scheduled pick-ups will start on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Pick-ups will be staggered to adhere to the requirement of no more than 10 people together at one time.

Each site will be providing their students with an online orientation to help you get started in your classes. The STAR360 assessment and all quarter 4 classes will be taught virtually.

Once you have completed your online orientation you will have access to your GOAL classes. Each student will be expected to use the tools explained to you during your orientation such as TEAMS as well as email and phone conversations to work with your teachers and academic coaches.

As this situation progresses through the spring, I will update you on the steps the school is taking to protect the health of our students, staff and community.

Currently, the GOAL School Health and Well-being Response Committee, which includes members of our Health Services Staff along with Statewide and Regional Leadership Teams, is meeting regularly. Throughout our planning, we will follow the guidance of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**To date, GOAL Academy will implement the following preventative measures:**

- Reminder of the best ways to protect yourselves and others:
  - Practice Social Distancing
  - Wash hands regularly
  - Use hand sanitizer
  - Avoid handshakes
  - Cover coughs and sneezes
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
  - Stay home when sick
- As a reminder, once we reopen our student drop-in centers, it is a student's choice to visit or work at a site. We are encouraging students and families to make the best decision for themselves. As always students are encouraged to use the tools they have through TEAMS, email and phone conversations to work with teachers and coaches.

If you are sick, stay home:

- It is critical to stay home if you are sick.



- To support accurate tracking and subsequent planning for sites, it is helpful if students and families would share if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

This [parent resource from the National Association of School Psychologists](#) may be helpful for talking to your student about coronavirus, if they have questions.

We will continue to communicate with you regularly as this situation evolves. We will also post important COVID-19 information as it pertains to GOAL Academy statewide locations on the School Website ([www.goalac.org](http://www.goalac.org)) as new information becomes available.

Please know that we take this situation very seriously and we are doing everything in our power to ensure the health and well-being of all students, staff and families in our communities while also continuing to provide high quality instruction to help you successfully complete your high school program of studies and achieve your goals!

Thank you for your understanding and support and welcome to GOAL Academy High School!

Sincerely,

*Constance Jones*

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