

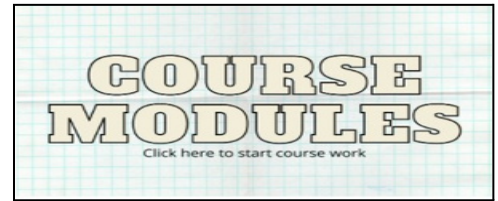


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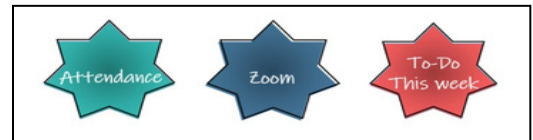


## HELP YOUR STUDENT NAVIGATE THEIR LEARNING

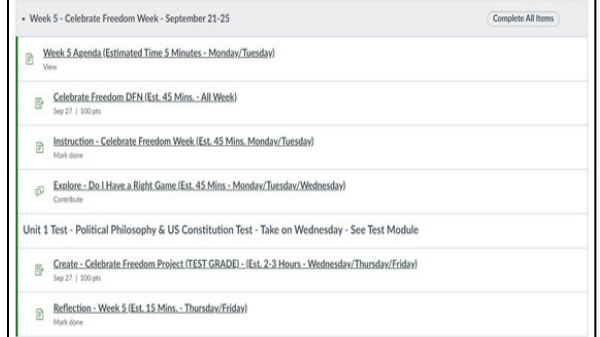
- ❑ Make sure they **LIVE IN MODULES**. This is where instruction and student learning happen.



- ❑ **ATTENDANCE:** Before beginning new learning each day, encourage your student to complete the "attendance task" for each scheduled class.



- ❑ It is **CRITICAL** that your student works through and completes the instructional teaching parts of the lesson **BEFORE** they attempt any practice work and formative or summative assessment.
  - ❑ When a lesson or activity is locked, before reaching out to the teacher, identify if that activity is a grade in Canvas or Skyward. In addition, please note that certain assignments may be locked until a specific date and time, as the teacher may want students to work on it at the same date/time.

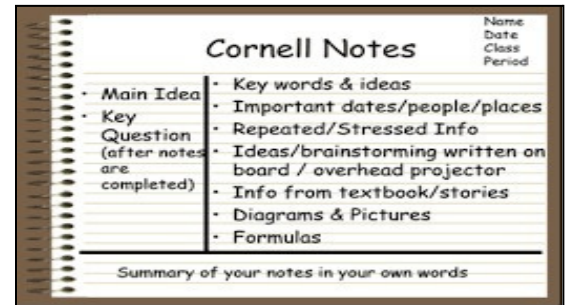


- ❑ If it is not a grade, a student can merely engage with lesson content for learning rather than being worried about submissions of comments or answers.

- ❑ Tasks should be completed **IN ORDER** as they were intentionally designed for your student to learn.

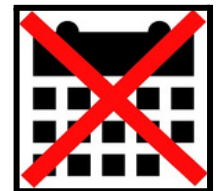
Click the picture to learn more!

- ❑ **THIS INCLUDES WATCHING ALL VIDEOS** that are provided for their learning.
  - ❑ It is beneficial for students to take notes throughout the learning process to record their learning.



## HELP YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZE THEIR LEARNING

- ❑ Your student **SHOULD NOT** rely on the to-do list or calendar to organize their learning each week. These **ARE NOT** complete representations of the learning that is to occur.
- ❑ Students should **LIVE IN MODULES** and develop a plan for each learning experience based on what is in the modules.



- ❑ **WAYS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT:**
  - ❑ Review and identify learning goals and activities that will bring learning success in each class.

[Watch this to see how the card view can help!](#)




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- ❑ Encourage them to change their dashboard to a **CARD VIEW** for easy access to learning.

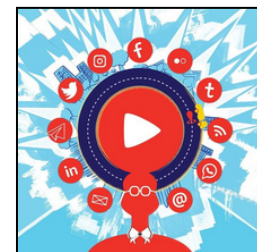


- ❑ **MAKE A PLAN.** Each week, in each class, students should:
  - ❑ Keep an agenda or checklist so they are aware of what is to be completed each day of class. It is important that special attention is paid to expectations and completion due dates.
  - ❑ **Here are some templates and examples to help!** 
  - ❑ Students can make a copy in their Google Drive, add their classes, and use it each week.
  - ❑ Encourage your student to work on A day assignments on A days and not wait until the end of the week. Same for B days.

- ❑ [Templates for helping organize your learning through the use of agendas.](#)
- ❑ [Remote Learning Agenda Example](#)



- ❑ **MINDSET is critical.** Students should be prepared to actively engage (mentally and physically) in the robust learning experiences teachers have designed for their learning.
  - ❑ Students have school **EVERY WEEKDAY (Mon-Fri, except holidays per the district calendar)**. Whether your student is in class or learning from home on a particular day, they should continue to engage in their work on the appropriate day it is assigned to prepare properly for the next learning experience.
  - ❑ It is important to establish a **ROUTINE and create a SPACE** for students to focus on their learning. Distractions at home can be difficult to work through. Whether they are an all-remote or hybrid student, at some point they will be working from home without a teacher, bells, or other guidance as they complete schoolwork each day.



## HELP YOUR STUDENT SUPPORT THEIR LEARNING

- ❑ **IN HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENTS SHOULD DEVELOP OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING PROCESS BY:**
  - ❑ Identifying when each of their teachers is available to support their learning.
  - ❑ When questions arise and the student needs more personal or direct help encourage them to attend a teacher's ZOOM hours or the class tutorial times
  - ❑ Checking their Rockwall ISD email and Canvas announcements **EVERY DAY!**
  - ❑ Adding you as an observer to their Canvas courses.

- ❑ [Tutoring & Remote Support Schedule](#)
- ❑ [Wednesday Remote Support Schedule](#)

### Login Details:

Student Username:  
SkywardUsername@stu.rockwallisd.org

Student Password: ID + birthdate (mm/dd)

e.g. Student 54321 has a birthday of 3/18, passwords is **543210318**

- ❑ [How to add yourself as a Canvas observer](#)



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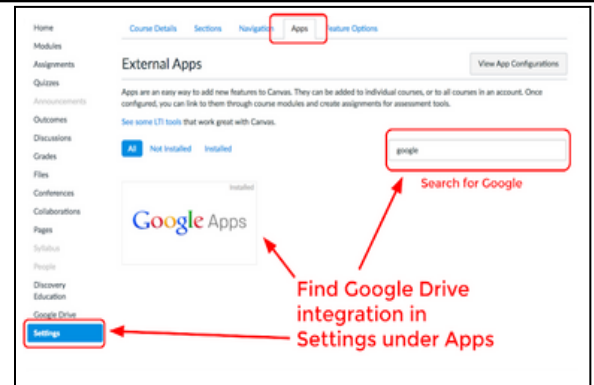
## LEARNING HAPPENS BEFORE GRADES

- Canvas is our teaching tool and the way work is submitted—it is NOT the grade book. Grades in Canvas are NOT final, nor are they always reflective of your child's assignment submission.
  - Be aware that the grades listed in Skyward DONOT always match the grades listed in Canvas. **SKYWARD is the official grade book and where final grades will be entered and kept. Always refer to Skyward for what assignments are missing, late, or incomplete.**
- Teachers will sync grades at least once a week.

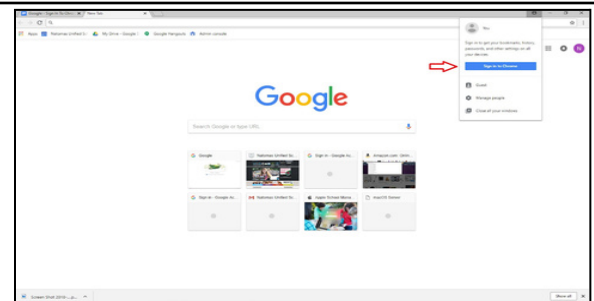


## REMINDERS AND TROUBLESHOOTING

Make sure your student's Google Drive (school email) is linked to Canvas.



Make sure your student is signed into their browser with their school email address.



NOTE: If a student starts a timed quiz or test and try to open a new browser window, Canvas will submit the quiz and issue a ZERO.

