

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Crossroads (for some of you) and WELCOME (for the rest of you)! I am looking forward to working with you and your students as they navigate the world of online classes via Edgenuity.

A little bit about me, their Crossroads advisor/Edgenuity mentor. This school year will be my 18th year teaching, 16 of which have been with NUSD. I've been at Newark Memorial, Bridgepoint, and Crossroads (for the last 7 years). This will be my third year running the Edgenuity program, so I'm not actually teaching, I'm mentoring. This is because Edgenuity, the online learning program all Crossroads Virtual Academy students are enrolled in, is a self-contained program in which students are assigned classes and teachers just as they would if they were attending school physically. I am not one of them; my role is to enroll them in the program, monitor their progress, and maintain constant communication with you, their parents and guardians.

It's important for stakeholders (you and your students) to understand what is expected as part of the Crossroads family. In order to maintain the pace, and complete all semester-long classes by December 22nd, with a grade of 60% or better, students are expected to "attend" one hour per day, per class. This is about the same pace students attending school physically maintain, and Edgenuity is no different. When a student is not holding up their end of the deal, that's when I step in, try to mentor, and contact you.

Communication is the key to your student's success. You will receive weekly emails from me outlining their attendance for the week, and any concerns I may have about their grades. It is important we keep an open dialogue about your student's educational progress, so we're all on the same page. Your student's success is my utmost priority, as I'm sure it is yours.

If your student is in middle school they will check in with me via email every day. That will serve as one of two attendance indicators, the other being their participation in their Edgenuity classes. If your student is in high school, we will have mandatory individual weekly meetings via Zoom at whatever time your student is scheduled to do so. That will serve as one of two attendance indicators, the other being their participation in their Edge classes.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please feel free to email me at [khodges@newarkunified.org](mailto:khodges@newarkunified.org). The virtual nature of my job means I am 100% at my computer between 8:00 and 3:30, so if you email you'll get a response very quickly.

I am looking forward to the 2023-24 school year with your students, and working closely with you all to ensure their academic success!

Go Coyotes!  
~Krista Hodges