

Dear Walnut Valley Families,

For the past nine years, Dedicated to Learning (D2L) has provided summer learning programs for high school students, supporting their progress towards graduation and the development of competitive college applications. Due to the ongoing restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, school campuses have been watching information coming from Los Angeles Health Department and the Los Angeles County Office of Education closely. Due to the significant issues surround the opening of school sites at the high school level the WVUSD has asked that all summer school programs offered on the Diamond Bar and Walnut High School remain online for the Summer 2021 session (June 7th - July 15th). We have agreed to continue to develop engaging classes and support the needs of our students online. In fact, many of the strategies developed and used by D2L summer teachers were adopted by WHS and DBHS teachers for the current school year.

The focus of the D2L High School Summer Program is to continue to support students in achieving their academic goals by earning credits towards subject area advancement and graduation, in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. While many students have experienced a great deal of fatigue managing 6 classes during the school year, the summer school program will allow students to focus on the specific subject area for the course they have chosen.

This simplified schedule is often much more manageable for our students. Students will engage in their coursework, Monday-Thursday, during the school hours of 7:30am-1:00pm, with a 30 minute break from 10:00-10:30am. All classes will continue to be taught by highly qualified teachers, and follow the course framework of the traditional school year. Teachers will establish daily schedules, designed to ensure completion of all course content during the summer session. Teachers will meet with students daily through Google Meet or Zoom sessions to introduce new material, facilitate class discussions and host live lecturers. They will also provide students with time to complete coursework offline, working independently or with partners. Projects and assessments will be assigned, reflecting the standards of the traditional classroom setting, while also reflecting the limitations of a remote learning setting. We believe it remains essential to help students continue to move forward toward their academic goals during this time. While many aspects of our student's education have been altered this year, we know that this difficult time is passing. As it does, our student's 4 year graduation plans and maintaining the ability to submit a competitive college application will remain important for our students.

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented students, parents and teachers with unprecedented disruptions and challenges to the traditional educational program. D2L remains committed to providing students with an exemplary education through instruction and meaningful learning experiences. Thank you for trusting us to help you reach your goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Coad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "C".

Dr. Rob Coad
Dedicated to Learning @ WHS Principal