

Hello Families,

You should be receiving two emails from TECCA for a log in and password this week (week of September 14). If you do not see the two emails by midweek, please check your Spam folders. Please be aware that once you enroll in TECCA, you will follow the TECCA school schedule and not the Abington Public Schools schedule. Although the Abington Public School students start on September 16 for the hybrid model, TECCA students may have a slightly delayed start based on their own schedule. Schedule information will come directly from TECCA.

As you transition into a virtual learning environment, there are a few items regarding your child/children's virtual experiences that we would like to make you aware of during the semester.

The first week or so after you are able to log in is orientation. TECCA teachers will be assigned to students within 24 hours of receiving your Welcome Letter which gives families time to explore all helpful Orientation Resources. Attached are resources for you to get ready for your child/children's learning. These include setting up Learning Spaces, Parent Role in Verifying Lessons, and an Adobe Flash Workaround that is required to view some videos (please see the three attachments)

For more information to get you started, please see below:

- TECCA Website: <https://tec-coop.org/tec-online-learning/>
- In 2014 TECCA was authorized as a state-wide virtual public school district and serves a diverse population of 2,300 Massachusetts students in grades K–12.
- TECCA's online courses are offered in grades K–12 & are aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, provides instructional differentiation, including textual, visual, auditory and hands-on learning opportunities;
- TECCA offers credentialed, state-certified teachers who provide student- and teacher-initiated direct instruction, serves as the teacher of record, responds to student-initiated email and telephone calls; grades assignments; moderates discussion boards;
- Teachers also host 2 LiveLesson sessions per week in core content courses, which are recorded in case student's have a scheduling conflict. During LiveLesson's students log in synchronously and the teacher is able to deliver live direct instruction, pre-teach, re-teach, conduct small group instruction to help differentiate instruction and more.
- Otherwise, students are working asynchronously through their course materials at their own pace/place. Grades 7-8, students are working 5-6 hours a day & of that time ~50% is on the computer. Grades 9-12, students are working 5-6 hours a day & of that time ~80% is on the computer.
- Parent's are considered a "Learning coach" for their child and will be supported by our Family 4-1-1 portal. This hub will support parents with helpful learning tools, including links to recorded orientations, interactive tutorials, how-to guides, and digital learning tips.

- Students, teachers, parents, and staff have 24/7 access to an extensive searchable Online Help system and online training resources on numerous topics. The School Support Help Desk is available from 8 AM – 8 PM ET, Monday through Friday. Student Technical Support is available from 8 AM – 11 PM ET Monday through Friday, and 10 AM – 7 PM ET Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to taking courses, we need to take attendance. If your child is sick to the point they are unable to participate in synchronous or asynchronous learning, or adhere to the schedule from TECCA, please be sure to call either Abington High School or Middle School to report that your student is sick. Also, in order for students to be eligible to play sports, students must attend TECCA classes and complete assignments, just as if they would for in-person learning for eligibility.

Thank you,

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