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Dear Parents and Students:

The Jim Thorpe Area School District is proud to offer the Olympian Learning Connection (OLC). In order to meet the health and safety needs for all families in our district, the OLC will provide a quality learning experience for those who opt to receive remote instruction at home during these unprecedented times.

The Jim Thorpe Area School District students will be guaranteed a standards-based education delivered through the instruction of district teachers and staff that aligns with JTASD curriculum. Teachers will work closely with guidance counselors and families to provide quality instruction that will allow students to meet grade level competencies, make academic progress, and receive rigorous course content established by each grade level.

Please take the time to review the information regarding the Olympian Learning Connection to decide if this virtual format offers the best option for your family. Please carefully read expectations on the OLC Contract form. Signed OLC contract agreements are due back to the district by Friday, August 28, 2020. Once enrolled, the Jim Thorpe Area School District will allow for a two week grace period, in the event that the OLC is not meeting your child's needs. However, once the two week grace period expires, your child will remain enrolled in the OLC until the end of the quarter at which time, you may contact your guidance counselor to transition your child back into the brick and mortar school environment.

Looking forward to working together during these uncertain times! Be safe!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Rushefski  
Superintendent  
Jim Thorpe Area School District

Mr. Jerome A. Brown, Jr.  
Director of Technology & Information Services  
Jim Thorpe Area School District

## Jim Thorpe Area School District Student Online Learning Connection Contract

The Olympian Learning Connection(OLC) is designed to provide students the opportunity to remain as a Jim Thorpe Area School District (JTASD) student, attending classes taught by JTASD teachers, and participating in classes with their peers from their home. This online learning contract includes clear expectations for students and the school district. These expectations will be centered around online and offline learning activities. The teachers will be able to interact with the online learner through various types of online teaching platforms.

It is important that students understand their responsibilities in this educational process. Appropriate online behavior is a must for this platform to be successful. Below you will find some key **student expectations** while enrolled in the Olympian Learning Connection.

- Students should have an internet connection at home.
- Create a dedicated and appropriate learning space at home that is private, free of background distraction
- Family members and pets should not be part of your online classroom
- Keep your computer clean, charged and accessible so that learning may occur
- Follow the approved school dress code policy
- Sign in to each class on time and stay connected for the period or until the teacher excuses you from the class
- Appropriately engage in class by following the guidelines provided by the instructor
- Collaborate with classmates and your teacher by using appropriate and respectful language and behaviors
- Take breaks from your computer during class time change
- Students should prescribe to an appropriate pace in order to complete assignments in the time required
- Properly communicate with your teacher and seek help when needed (via teachers, principals or guidance counselors)
- Understand that classes may be recorded and microphones may be live at all times
- Students should check their email DAILY and use it to communicate when necessary
- Students must attend school on the days that state mandated testing occurs
- Use Google Calendar to be organized (ex. due dates for assignments, test dates)
- Review written feedback from your teachers and check PowerSchool daily
- Instruction will be saved so recording a lesson is prohibited
- If you are having technical difficulties please contact building computer technician by email  
High School [stomko@jtasd.org](mailto:stomko@jtasd.org) L.B Morris [wes.hurley@jtasd.org](mailto:wes.hurley@jtasd.org) PK Campus [ogaynor@jtasd.org](mailto:ogaynor@jtasd.org)
- Be patient with yourselves and your teachers as this is a new process for everyone involved

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Below is a list of **Jim Thorpe Area School District responsibilities** for the Olympian Learning Connection educational platform.

District Responsibilities:

- The Jim Thorpe Area School District will provide a student with a MacBook Air or an iPad so that they can complete their school work.
- The JTASD will assist in the course selection process and enroll students in the appropriate courses.
- The JTASD will provide daily instruction to the online learner via a live feed or through a recorded lesson.
- The JTASD will monitor students' time spent online and their progress.
- The JTASD will conduct parent-student meetings as necessary.
- The JTASD will make decisions on the continued enrollment of students that abuse services, exhibit non-compliance with the District's attendance requirements, or are continually performing below basic on assessments.
- The JTASD will dismiss the student at any time if they do not adhere to the OLC contract.
- The JTASD will press truancy charges against the student and/or the parent or guardian for failure to attend classes regularly.

I acknowledge that I understand the expectations for the Olympian Learning Connections platform set forth by the Jim Thorpe Area School District.

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

JTASD Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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