



Willamette Leadership Academy
First Battalion
Comprehensive Distance Learning Overview
Fall 2020-21



WLA First Battalion (High school) will operate on a Modified Block Schedule during Comprehensive Distance Learning. Cadets will have classes, teacher-facilitated learning activities, and applied learning opportunities Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday every week. Wednesdays will be used for staff to check-in with students, planning and developing rigorous Distance Learning materials, and ongoing professional development. Participation in curriculum will be expected daily and cadets will be required to check in with their teachers in class and during the week. With our modified block schedule, cadets will be focused on half of their classes on Mondays and the other half on Tuesdays. The same will happen on Thursdays and Fridays.

All WLA teachers will set up virtual classrooms via **Google Classroom**. These will be centralized places where cadets can check in with their teachers, turn in school work and receive instructions for applied learning. More details on how to utilize Google Classroom will be communicated as the start of Fall term draws closer.

Each week, all WLA teachers will conduct two live 30 minute classes per class section using the platform **Zoom Video Conferencing**. Cadets will receive instructions for signing into class through Google Classroom. Times for live first battalion classes will not conflict with second battalion live classes. Depending on a cadet's course schedule, they will have approximately 4 live Zoom classes per day. All Zoom classes will be recorded and available for later viewing for any Cadets that can't attend the live sessions.

WLA will also use a program called **ClassTag** which is a virtual classroom assistant used to communicate with families about weekly updates and newsletters, school supply lists and other important information. Google Classroom, Zoom and ClassTag are accessible through the web or apps for smartphones.

On Mondays and Thursdays all 1BN cadets will have live Science and Math classes. Tuesdays and Fridays, Cadets will have live Language Arts and Social Studies classes. Cadets will also have Military Science, Health and Wellness, PT and Digital Citizenship classes. Resource times will be made available for all Cadets and Teachers will have regular office hours every week.

Teachers will check in with Cadets every Wednesday and during the week as needed. Families may always request appointments with teachers.

The Battalion Commander, LTC Migliaccio, will also post weekly video updates and host occasional live zoom parent Q&A sessions.

Once School begins on September 9th, the WLA administration will have many orientation meetings for families to learn how all these electronic platforms work. We will work very hard to make sure every WLA Cadet has the technology and the information they need to be successful.