Glossary of Terms for Continuous Learning

Online Learning-- Any learning opportunity that takes place using the internet or an internet-based application or tool. Online learning can happen in a traditional classroom setting or in a distance learning environment.

Distance Learning--A type of learning environment in which teacher instruction and student learning take place off-campus supported by synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities.

Blended Learning--A form of education that combines elements of distance learning and traditional, in-person classroom learning to help students achieve a course's learning outcomes.

Asynchronous Learning--Any time in a distance learning environment when students work at their own pace to complete assignments.

Synchronous Learning--Any time in a distance learning environment when a teacher and students are working together live, in real-time using an internet-based communication platform.

Dashboard--see Landing Page

Discussion Board--An online communication platform for conducting asynchronous class discussions.

Office Hours--Regularly scheduled time during which a teacher, counselor, or administrator is available via email or video conferencing to respond to parent and student questions or to provide additional support to students.

PowerSchool--Saint Ignatius High School's learning management system that is used for taking daily attendance and posting grades.

Landing page--Location where teachers post daily agenda and coursework.

Google Classroom-- A course management service for schools that streamlines the creation, distribution and collection of student work.

Video conferencing-- A digital platform used for synchronous face-to-face interaction in a distance