



# HASLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Hybrid Frequently Asked Parent Questions

### What are the hybrid learning options?

Students have two learning choices: in-person learning or 100% virtual. Both options will have six (6) hours of classes per day (English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, two exploratory classes, and Viking Time). In both options there will be teacher office hours for students to meet with teachers virtually to ask questions and/or get help with coursework.

### What are the learning cohorts?

Students who are fully online will be in the Viking cohort. Students who are coming for in-person learning will be divided into two cohorts: Blue and Gold. These are for social distancing purposes.

### What will learning look like if my child is in the 100% virtual ?

Students who are 100% online will do all online learning. Depending on the day ([refer to schedule](#)), they will be synchronous or asynchronous with their teacher. Each class period will have two (2) synchronous lessons and three (3) asynchronous lessons per week.

### What will learning look like if my child attends in-person?

Students who are in-person will be in the blue or gold cohort. The blue cohort will attend school Monday afternoon for 4th, 5th and 6th hours, and Tuesday morning for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours. The other days ([refer to schedule](#)), they will be synchronous or asynchronous with their teacher. The gold cohort will attend school Thursday afternoon for 4th, 5th and 6th hours, and Friday morning for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours. The other days ([refer to schedule](#)), they will be synchronous or asynchronous with their teacher. For both cohorts, each class period will have (1) one in-person lesson, two (2) synchronous lessons, and two (2) asynchronous lessons per week.

### Why does the hybrid model utilize half days rather than full days?

Attending for half days allows our students to mitigate risks that come with serving lunch in our school cafeteria. Social distancing during lunch cannot be guaranteed. The close proximity of students at lunch and the removal of masks creates increased risk for spreading Covid-19.

### Why do middle school students only get to come to school for two half days?

Due to shared classes and teachers with our high school, teacher certifications, and creating equity across all cohorts (Blue, Gold, Viking), students choosing the hybrid option attend in person for 2 half days a week with the remainder being online (either synchronous or asynchronous). It is a priority of HPS that all students receive similar experiences in each of their classes no matter which option they feel is right for them.

### What does the schedule for Wednesdays look like?

The Wednesday schedule is very similar to our current Wednesday schedule with the addition of office hours. Wednesday classes will be asynchronous with the exception of Viking Time which will be synchronous.

### Will families who have students in different buildings be in the same cohort?

Yes, we will have all children from the same family in the same cohort.

**Can cohorts be requested?**

No, we are not able to honor cohort requests. Class sizes and cohorts are being carefully balanced across the district for social distancing and contact tracing purposes.

**Will my middle school child have to switch teachers or classes?**

No, students will stay with the teachers and team they were assigned at the beginning of the year. If a class change is needed, parents and students would be contacted prior to making it.

**Will students still participate in Viking Time?**

Yes, we will have Viking Time; however, it will change to three (3) days per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**Will in-person students miss lunch on days they come to school in the afternoon?**

No, students will have the opportunity to eat lunch during office hours or the designated lunch period. On that day, students can contact their teachers at another time. They will have opportunities to ask questions of their teachers while they are in face to face instruction.

**What will students who attend high school classes do?**

Students who will be attending classes in-person and are scheduled in a high school class will attend class at the high school. The same safety protocols and procedures are followed at both buildings.

**When will the hybrid model begin?**

Monday, February 8th.

**Will students still be using their Chromebooks and Google Classroom?**

Yes, Google Classroom will continue to be the learning platform for all classes and teachers will be posting lessons and assignments on GC daily. Students who are attending in-person need to bring their Chromebook to school with them. Chromebooks are recommended; however, students can bring their own device to school. Please note, there will be no tech support available for personal devices, and the district cannot be held responsible for damaged or stolen items.

**What safety and health protocols will be used to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 when students are at school for in person instruction?**

HMS will use a variety of mitigation strategies in accordance with guidance from the health department, CDC, and other medical professional groups.

**Where can I find more information about the hybrid model and safety protocols?**

You can view [this video](#) from the 10/13/20 Board meeting that explains the middle school schedule. Or find information about what school will look like as we transition to in-person learning, including the revised Hybrid Learning Plan schedules and safety protocols, on the Haslett Public Schools [Responsive Return to School website](#).

**Will the [Student Learning Planner](#) still be used?**

Yes, teachers will post daily assignments as well as their method of instruction for each day. These are posted on our website.

**What method of instruction will teachers be using?**

Students are expected to be ready and participate in class each day at the time posted on the Hybrid Schedule. Teachers will be sharing in the Weekly Learning Planner the method of instruction for that day for students who are online: a asynchronous, quick check in via Zoom, or whole lesson via Zoom.

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**How will instruction look for my student when my student is not at school?**

Our teachers will continue to post daily lessons in their Google Classrooms for students to access. Teachers will be using various ways to instructionally reach all students who are not in-person. Teachers may ask students who are at home to do a quick check in via Zoom, or attend the whole lesson via Zoom, or do the lesson asynchronously. Students are able to access teachers during their office hours for additional support.