

Q: It has been rumored that teachers will need to be in classroom to teach. As no other local districts are requiring that, why are we? It seems we are putting our teachers at an unnecessary risk, not only to their health, but our budgets with potential workers compensation and substitutes that will be needed.

A: That is correct, not a rumor. Unless a teacher has an approved exemption, they need to teach from their class.

Q: For high school students with the 6 week classes, will this 6 week schedule apply to electives like performing arts (choir, theatre, dance)?

A: Yes. The students will have elective options at their schools and they will follow the 6-week schedule. Any specifics about those classes should be asked of the specific school.

Q: How will performance based classes like theatre or choir or band be handled?

A: Each teacher will develop the plan for their class. These classes will be held, but I can't answer broadly for very specific classes. There are things the teacher can do for instruction, even though there are some obvious barriers to certain things.

Q: Will there be an option to pick up packets and materials before 8 AM or after 5 PM for working parents?

A: Each school will develop its plan for this. It will vary from school to school. But as much as can be provided online will be provided online.

Q: Will parents be expected to sit with their elementary age child for the duration of the class or just make sure they are in the zoom and then the teacher can take it from there?

A: I don't have an exact answer. I believe the teachers will "be" the teachers. But each teacher will go over their process at the start of the year. Youngers may need more help.

Q: Will students who attend Monte Vista follow the same schedule (half in the morning and half in the afternoon)?

A: Monte Vista will develop its own schedule.

Q: What do we do if our virtual learning time will differ greatly from in person learning? Can that time be adjusted when kids go back?

A: Our intention is to keep the schedules the same. That's why we're being so careful about placing students.

Q: Will middle and high school students have to pick an AM or PM time, or can they choose which to attend on a daily basis?

A: No. They cannot change unless there is a specific circumstance that the teacher approves BEFORE the shift. This is because the classes have to be balanced and consistent for the teachers to best manage the class.

Q: Is the 6 week class condensing the entire semester for that class? I.E. if classes return after the first 6 weeks, do students continue to have 6 classes per day or do they only have the remaining 4 classes?

A: We don't have a firm answer on that, but it's likely that we will continue the 6-week session until the end of the semester because of the reason you are citing.

Q: Do you know when the AM vs PM times will be assigned for secondary?

A: Right before school starts as the master schedule takes time to create. I'm guessing the week before but it will vary student to student.

Q: If a student has a 7th period class that also qualifies for their P.E. credit, what happens with that credit if the class (sports, marching band, etc.) cannot meet?

A: Teachers will adapt their instruction and curriculum to accommodate being at home/online

Q: In areas where internet can sometimes be spotty (like ours) will it count against attendance if we get cut off or sign in and out during the session?

A: We are providing wifi hotspots for families in need. They will only work with the district chromebooks, but every student is getting a chrome book. The notice will go out tomorrow morning.

Q: A lot of students have better computer systems than a chromebook. Tough to use a small chromebook screen for so many hours of use. Will they have to be used for all work?

A: Students can use any device that works but will still be assigned a chrome book. There may be software that they need to access that's only on the Chromebook.

Q: When will elementary AM and PM times be assigned?

A: The week before school starts

Q: Will there be homework assigned after their 2.5 hour Zoom instruction?

A: Yes. There will be offline work.

Q: If they take an AP class will they be able to take the AP test at the end of the 6 weeks? I'm worried if they have to wait until later in the year they may forget some of what they learned.

A: The tests are scheduled by AP and we have no control over that. But I am sure the schools will set up study sessions for the tests. They always do and they know this will be a greater need.

Q: If they miss the AM class can they meet in the PM class for that day only?

A: Only if they get permission from the teacher beforehand. It's the teacher's decision, but we've asked them to be flexible.

Q: What if the kids are out all year? Seniors – homecoming, prom?

A: As we did last year, we will make alternate plans where we can. Some things we can handle. But it will depend on what the county and state mandates are at that time.

Q: Will the schools circulate instructions on how to join google classroom as a guardian as Dr. Peplinski mentioned earlier?

A: Yes, absolutely.

Q: What if a student cannot login or successfully participate in distance learning due to a disability and needing live one-on-one aide? What is being recommended so the students is not left out and unable to participate?

A: Every student's IEP is being revised to accommodate the current circumstances. That message went out a few days ago. Once that happens, the case manager will be able to help.

Q: Regarding internet connection, I have 4 children that will need to be on the internet at one time for schooling. Would we be able to request 1-2 hotspot devices to help with internet speed as it will slow immensely?

A: IT will assign enough hotspots to accommodate your kids. Usually 1 for 2 kids.

Q: Will there be time gaps between sessions when students return or will their schedule go straight through from start to end time?

A: Straight through to winter break except for normal holidays.

Q: When kids to return to school, with in person learning only being 3 hours it will be difficult to drop off and pick up kids being a working parent. Is there going to be any kind of short term after school care or bussing options?

A: This is all going to depend on what is allowed. We don't provide child care. We have three agencies that handle that at our schools. This is partly up to them.