

Thank you for your patience as we formulate the best plan for the 2020-2021 school year. While the district released their plan for return today, our school will take advantage of our size and flexibility to provide the best experience for students that want to return to the school building, those who want to work from home, and those who want a combination of both. We want families to have choice in what is best for their student.

While we still don't know what the next couple of weeks will bring with COVID data and guidance from the health department, we want to share our best thinking at the moment. If we make changes, we will continue to send updates through the 20Alert system.

For students that want to work completely online, we will have that option available. Students will need to work with their mentor and/or Ms. Kimi to create a schedule that takes advantage of the electives available through Accelerate, along with their core classes.

For students that want to attend in person, we are going to create grade level cohorts. Each student will have the opportunity to attend in person every other day during either the morning or afternoon. For example, all 9th graders will attend during the 9th grade cohort, all 10th graders during the 10th grade cohort, etc. This will keep our cohort groups small enough to keep some social distance and health protocols in place with our limited space at the Center for Modern Learning.

The in-person cohort schedule will operate according to the following framework:
9th grade: Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 am (although we will be open starting at 7:30 am)
10th grade: Monday and Wednesday 12:00-2:00 pm (although we will be open until 3:30 pm)
11th grade: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-11:00 am (although we will be open starting at 7:30 am)
12th grade: Tuesday and Thursday 12:00-2:00 pm (although we will be open until 3:30 pm)

If mid-day transportation is an issue for your family, we will provide a classroom space for students to work out of during the other half of the day. The in-person component will consist of community building time, teacher office hours/extra help, and grade level elective time. Students that attend in person will have to follow the protocols from the health department including wearing a mask when inside and temperature checks upon entry.

If a student is in a program or class outside of Village High School such as Career Start, Career Tech Ed programs, or attending an elective class in another school, they will follow the guidelines set by those organizations. If you have specific questions about one of these scenarios, please let us know.

As we have previously announced, the remodel of our new building should be done in early September, so this will be our plan until September 4. From September 8-18, our students will work from home while we move out of the Center for Modern Learning and into the new building. Our hope is to have everything moved and ready to open in the new location on September 21. We may continue with the grade level cohort schedule at that time or may be able to transition into our "regular" schedule with morning and afternoon electives. More details to come about those plans at a later date.

We want to balance flexibility along with clarity for families. If there are further changes, we will let you know, but wanted you to have information about our current plan. If we can answer any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,
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