



Please have your child bring their Chromebook and charger to school Monday and Tuesday.

Dear Families,

All MPSD families received a recent communication from Superintendent Mark Holzman regarding our School Board’s decision to **transition to a full virtual learning model for all students on October 12**. We recognize that this is a challenge for parents, students, and staff and we will be working to ensure that we provide our communities with the information and support needed to navigate this transition. We have enjoyed these past five weeks working with our in-person and full-virtual learners and look forward to a time when it is safe for us all to be together again. This letter gives you a brief overview of the transition. Watch for more details next week.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had a team of 23 elementary teachers providing "live" virtual instruction to over 500 full distance elementary learners. This team has led the way in implementing a virtual model that is significantly different from the one that was utilized last spring. Here are a few things you need to know:

Our "New" Virtual Learning Model

- All blended and virtual students will be provided "live" virtual classroom instruction Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. from their current teacher. In this setting, students interact with each other, ask questions, and receive individual support.
- In the afternoons (12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.), teachers will schedule and meet with all students individually and in small groups to provide feedback, support, and differentiation.
- On Fridays, students should engage in any unfinished exploration and practice activities in their Google Classroom. No live opportunities for learning will be provided, as teachers will be in staff meetings, grade level collaborative planning, training, and classroom preparation for the next week.

Attendance

- Students are expected to participate Monday-Thursday in virtual learning during their morning "live" session unless other arrangements have been made with their classroom teacher.
- Students who have indicated that they cannot participate in the "live" morning session will have the opportunity to watch a recording of the morning lesson and show evidence of completed activities to their teacher.
- Evidence of presence each day from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. will constitute a student being present for the day. Examples of evidence may include assignment submission, Google Meet engagement, assessment submission.

We are here to support our communities and look forward to working with you to ensure that our students continue to grow and learn. We will continue to stay in close communication and keep you informed as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

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