

# Middle Schools Starts In-Person Hybrid/Remote Dual Platform Learning This Week

Dear PSD Middle School Community,

This week the Peninsula School District will begin the 6th-8th grade hybrid in-person and remote learning models that switch to 6 period days on M, T, Th, and Fri. Wednesdays will be remote learning days for all where students will be expected to connect with their teachers.

# Third Trimester and 6 Period Days Begin February 25

As we previously communicated, 6th graders will have the opportunity to spend a day meeting staff and getting familiar with their new school environment prior to the return of their older classmates. Therefore, we will kick-off in-person hybrid learning this Thursday, February 25 in the following manner:

- 6th grade 'A' day first day in-person learning is set for Thursday, February 25;
  - o 6th grade 'B' will be learning asynchronously check assignments in Schoology.
- 6th grade 'B' day first day in-person learning is set for Friday, February 26:
  - 6th grade 'A' will be learning asynchronously check assignments in Schoology.
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade 'A' first day in-person learning is set for Monday, March 1; and
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade 'B' first day in-person learning is set for Tuesday, March 2.
  - On February 25 & 26, 7th & 8th 'A' & 'B' students will remain remote but transition to the new 6 period schedule

## **Hybrid In-Person Schedule**

Click here to view the middle school in-person schedule

### Middle School Remote Students

For students in our fully remote cohort, 3rd trimester and the modified schedule will also begin on February 25. As we previously communicated, most remote students will continue to attend 3 class periods a day. Some students who take classes where specific teaching certification is required may have more than 3 classes per day. The length of class sessions will be shortened to approximately 50 minutes with periods 1, 2, and 3 occurring in the morning every Monday and Thursday, while periods 4, 5, and 6 will be held every Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

An online parent night was held via Zoom on Monday, February 22 to discuss remote learning for middle school students.

- Watch the recording of the meeting here.
- View the informational slides presented at the meeting here.

#### Remote Schedule

Click here to view the middle school remote schedule

## Wednesdays

Whether your student is in hybrid in-person or remote learning, Wednesdays are the same schedule. Each Wednesday is a home learning day that provides an additional learning opportunity for all students to connect with their teachers. Students will follow the 1 hour late start schedule that was in place prior to the implementation of fully remote learning. All students will attend shorter class sessions for all 6 periods synchronously/live from home. Click here to view the <u>Wednesday schedule</u> for all students.

## **Health and Safety Reminders**

We are committed to keeping all staff and students safe. Each school has a building COVID-19 site safety plan and COVID-19 site coordinator. When entering a PSD building or school, all people must follow health screening procedures and answer health attestation questions fully before entering. Watch a video explaining the safety procedures and attestation forms here.

Here are direct links to the health attestation forms for students:

- English Version
- Spanish Version

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It is critical that staff and students follow our safety protocols every day! We appreciate your cooperation. Here are some reminders:

- Physical Distancing: Some individuals may be asymptomatic (symptom free), so keeping distance is important.
- Hand Washing/Sanitizing: To help stop the spread of the virus in our schools/worksites, all individuals should wash or sanitize their hands frequently.
- Face Coverings: COVID-19 is spread via droplets that we emit when we breath, talk, laugh, sing, or shout. This is why wearing a face covering that covers the nose and mouth is so important.

## Thank You

Thank you for your patience while we waited for the COVID-19 case numbers to be at a level that makes this hybrid learning experience possible for our students. We appreciate your partnership and support

If you have any questions, please speak with your building administrator.

Sincerely, PSD Leadership