

Olympic View Middle School

FAQ Around Distance Learning Start-up 2020-21

Greetings Fellow Pirates,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Olympic View (OV). We would like to extend a special greeting to our 6th grade students who are new to OV this year. We are excited to meet you and to get to know you! School begins September 2, 2020.

With the start of this school year continuing with distance learning we have prepared answers to what appear to be the most frequently asked questions. Please take the time to review the questions/responses. If you still have a question from the responses provided or you have a question that is not included in this FAQ, you can contact our main office (425.366.5200) and/or the counseling department (counselor names and contact information listed below).

Just to let you know, more information is coming soon on two important technology systems: **student emails and Schoology (pronounced: school-uh-gee)**. We will be working to introduce these systems as they will be used throughout the school year.

1. When will the 2020-2021 school year begin?

School begins on September 2, 2020.

2. What will the 2020-2021 school year look like?

This year school year will consist of two semesters. Each semester is divided up into two quarters. The first semester you will engage in course work for your 1st three periods on your schedule. Second semester which begins January 28, 2021, you will engage in course work for periods 3-6. Depending upon grade level and the type of elective classes (e.g. music, PE, STEM etc.), engagement in this area will be either by quarter or by semester.

| First half of the school year | Second half of the school year |
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| Period 0 (Jazz Band Only) TBD | Period 4 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM (90 minutes) |
| Period 1 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM (90 minutes) | Period 5 9:40 AM to 11:10 AM (90 minutes) |
| Period 2 9:40 to 11:10 AM (90 minutes) | Period 6 11:20 AM to 12:50 PM (90 minutes) |
| Period 3 11:20 to 12:50 PM (90 minutes) | |

3. What will my schedule look like?

Here is a sample schedule

| First half of the school year | Second half of the school year |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Period 1 Social Studies | Period 4 English Language Arts |
| Period 2 Math | Period 5 Elective |
| Period 3 Health PE | Period 6 Science |

4. Will I have class every day?

Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be a time for you to work on your assignments, engage in asynchronous learning* (see below) and teachers will at times work with small groups. Please watch for further information on Wednesdays.

5. What will my classes look like?

Teachers will use a blend of three teaching styles so each day will likely include some of each: **Synchronous Learning** – These are ‘live’ instructional experiences and will most often take place in the form of a Zoom meeting. This gives teachers an opportunity to check in with the students, complete attendance, and work with large and small groups. This also gives students an opportunity to ask ‘live’ questions, give feedback, and connect with peers.

***Asynchronous Learning** – These are prerecorded instructional experiences in the form of videos. Unlike in-person teaching, students have the ability to pause, rewind, and skip around these videos while learning new content.

Independent Learning – These are learning experiences that take place on your own. Teachers may assign reading or practice problems, for example.

Students are expected to attend school whether we are in distance learning or in-person. During the first seven days of school, our staff will be collecting information on individual student needs and concerns regarding attendance and the daily schedule.

6. When will I receive my schedule?

The administrative and counseling teams are working to adapt our master schedule to the block learning and assign students to classes based on their requests last spring. We expect to be able to publish student schedules by **Friday, August 28th**. Please watch for updates as this progress continues.

7. Who do I talk to if I have problems with my schedule?

6th Grade Counselor: Teresa Hoffman – hoffmantl@mukilteo.wednet.edu; Phone: 425.366.5236

7th Grade Counselor: Lisa Morris – [morrisk@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:morrislk@mukilteo.wednet.edu); Phone: 425.366.5234

8th Grade Counselor: Wendy Smith – smithwj@mukilteo.wednet.edu; Phone: 425.366.5233

8. How will we be graded? Is it the same as it was last spring?

Last spring, our grading system for middle and high school students allowed grades A-B-C-I, including +/- grades at the teacher’s discretion. For the 2020-21 school year, we will use A-B-C-D-P-I-N as our grading system, also to include +/- . We will use the No Pass (N) option to replace the F grade used prior to the pandemic closure. In addition, if a student chooses, they can opt to have a Pass (P) instead of an A-B-C-D letter grade in a course. Our goal will be to communicate with students and engage families about the costs and benefits of selecting the P option on the transcript as they consider college and post-secondary options. More details to come on this as we will need to work with counselors and generate a form to track this change in the cumulative folder.

9. How will specific needs of English Learner students be addressed?

English Learner teachers will collaborate with classroom teachers to share best practices for English learner students. These practices may include GLAD strategies, small group projects, and the Tier 2 scaffolds. English Learner teachers may provide small group language proficiency lessons and activities. English learner teachers will connect frequently with classroom teachers to monitor student progress. New to the country students will have defined small group support with our newcomer materials.

10. How will things work for students with Individualized Educational Plans?

Students who have IEPs will continue to receive services in our distance learning model. Some students will receive services during the first three blocks of the day. Some will have access to supports during periods and other times during the school day as needed. All IEPs are individualized and the best person to describe how your program will work is a student's IEP case manager.

11. What about LEAP and Highly Capable programs and student needs?

LEAP students will continue to receive enrichment and challenge activities within the context of their general education classroom. Students in the Summit program will continue to be taught by Summit teachers according to their accelerated plans.

12. I need a computer or assistance with school District technology. What should I do?

Start by visiting our school district website (mukilteoschools.org) and navigate to the page called "Distance Learning" where you will see the link for Technology Support. Also, you can call 425-356-1207 for Tech Support during regular business hours. If you are having difficulty with internet access, families should see if one of the resources fit their need first, and then complete the form.

Upon completion, we will work to link the family up with additional resources.

Our [Student Internet Access Website](#) has been updated and includes the [Student Internet Request Form](#).

13. How do I register my student for the Free or Reduced Price Meals Program?

Visit the district website (mukilteoschools.org) and navigate to Distance Learning where you will see a link for Food Services. Locate the link titled "Apply for free- and reduced-price meals."

14. Will it be mandatory to return to in-person instruction when cases decrease, or will families have option to stay with distance learning?

Students will have an option to stay with distance learning for the year. They may not have the same teacher, but they stay with distance learning.

15. When can I come and pick up my school supplies, any textbooks, library books etc.?

School Supply/Book Pick-up Dates and Time

| | Sept. 9th | Sept. 10th | Sept. 11th |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TIMES | 6th Graders | 7th Graders | 8th Graders |
| 1:30-2pm | A-B | A-C | A-B |
| 2-2:30pm | C-E | D-H | C-F |
| 2:30-3pm | F-K | I-L | G-I |
| 3-3:30pm | L-M | M-O | J-K |
| 3:30-4pm | N-R | P-R | L-M |
| 4-4:30pm | S-T | S-V | N-Q |
| 4:30-5pm | U-Z | W-Z | R-S |
| 5-5:30pm | Open time | Open time | T-Z |
| 5:30-6pm | Open time | Open time | Open Time |
| 6-6:30pm | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | Open Time |

16. When do I eat my lunch?

Student Lunch: 12:50

Because all classes are a combination of synchronous, asynchronous, and independent learning activities; and all live instruction and discussions will be recorded, there should be ample space for students and teachers to take needed breaks for personal needs, including time to eat.

Note that meals will be available at multiple district sites (***Challenger, Columbia, Voyager, Mukilteo Elementary, Fairmount, Horizon, Serene Lake, Odyssey***), ***Monday through Friday, from 11:30-1:30***. Also, once this is launched and practiced we will assess the effectiveness of the meal distribution times.