Middletown High School Hybrid and Virtual Learning - Semester 2 FAQ and Answers

Q: When does Semester 2 start and how will I know my schedule?

A: Semester 2 begins January 28. Schedules were mailed on January 14 and are visible in Schoology as of January 25.

Q: When will the new daily schedule begin?

A: The new Semester 2 schedule will start for **all students on January 28** and continue through the end of the school year. Students who have selected Hybrid Model and students who have selected Full Virtual will both follow this schedule.

Q: Schools have delayed the Hybrid opening, will we still follow the new schedule?

A: Yes, all students will follow the daily Semester 2 schedule beginning January 28, however all students will remain Full Virtual until the scheduled start of the Hybrid Model on February 16, 2021.

Q: If I have selected Full Virtual, will I still follow the same schedule?

A: Yes, all students will follow the daily Semester 2 schedule beginning January 28.

Q: I have selected Hybrid. When will I find out which two days of the week I attend?

A: Prior to the start of the Hybrid Model, students will be notified of their Cohort groups. It is on the schedule mailed home on 1/14. It is possible that we may have to do some changing to fit room capacity prior to the start of hybrid. We will contact individual families if that is the case. Please call the school if you are unsure. Bus stop information will be available on the FCPS website beginning January 28: <u>Bus Stop Information</u>

Q: What is a Cohort?

A: A Cohort is a group. Students will be separated into two groups: Cohort A and Cohort B. Cohort A will attend school on Mondays and Tuesdays and attend virtually Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Cohort B will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays and will attend virtually on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Q: I have selected Hybrid. Will I meet the same teacher on my virtual days?

A: Yes, you will have the same teacher for each block on all days, both in person and virtually.

Q: Will Hybrid students and Virtual students participate in class at the same time?

A: Yes, virtual students will participate in class via Google Meet while the hybrid students will be in class in person with the teacher. Teachers will concurrently teach both groups; this could include group instruction, differentiated assignments, or station rotations, among other instructional strategies.

Q: I am concerned about safety. What protocols will be taken for students attending Hybrid?

A: FCPS is implementing safety protocols that follow CDC and Health Department guidelines, including but not limited to: mask requirements for all persons inside the school, 6 feet of social distancing, limiting the numbers of people in classrooms and other spaces, regular cleaning and disinfecting, especially of high-touch surfaces. For more details, please watch the Safe Schools videos at this link: <u>TogetherFCPS: Hybrid Return</u>.

Q: I have selected Hybrid. Do I have to wear a mask the whole time I am at school?

A: Yes, all students and all staff are required to wear face coverings while inside the school building. This includes during class and during class transitions. Students will be allowed to remove face coverings during their lunch time.

Q: I have selected Hybrid. What if I change my mind and want my child to be Full Virtual?

A: We have planned for students to return hybrid or remain virtual based upon the responses that parents provided on the survey or in response to our staff phone calls. We will do our best to accommodate requests to move from hybrid to virtual. Please reach out to your child's designated Assistant Principal.

Q: I have selected Full Virtual. What if I change my mind and want my child to attend for Hybrid?

A: Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to consider a change from full virtual to hybrid due to space, staffing, and other safety considerations. If you would like to discuss your request for consideration at the end of Term 3, please reach out to your child's designated Assistant Principal.

Q: How will I get my textbooks and classroom materials for my Semester 2 classes?

A: Since we will still be in the Full Virtual learning environment at the beginning of the term, we will host a distribution for Semester 2 materials on Thursday, February 4 from 12:30 PM- 6:00 PM. Details of that will be shared as we approach that date.