



Highland Junior High School

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Hello Students and Parents,

By now you are probably aware that the Highland School District will be starting the school year remotely in a distance learning model. We are quite sad that we could not begin the year with an in-school component. Our teachers and staff miss your students and seeing them in the building on a daily basis.

Our teachers and leadership team at Highland Junior High have been working over the summer to create a more robust and structured learning environment for our students and families. We are excited to participate in this year's educational experience with you and your son or daughter! Attached with this page is the schedule of what daily learning at HJH will look like. Additionally, a detailed Highland Junior High Learning Plan will be posted on the HJH website on Thursday, August 20 with further information. Please check the HJH website regularly for updated messages and information.

HJH advisors will be contacting families to schedule a Student/Parent meet and greet time to introduce ourselves and provide details for this year's learning experience. Meet and greet orientations will be held between August 26 and September 4. Health guidelines must be followed and only the student and one parent will be allowed in the building.

The Highland School District has created a staggered building schedule plan that attempts to address families that have students in different buildings by scheduling synchronous core learning time staggered throughout the day. We have created a schedule to the best of our abilities and hope this can alleviate difficulties that some families may have. Highland Junior High synchronous core learning time is from 11:25am-1:00pm daily. In addition to core learning classes, an HJH student's daily schedule will include time periods for reading, physical activity, Social Emotional Learning or a Student Success Class, small group instruction, teacher availability periods, and independent student work time.

The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Highland School District have mandated that courses, attendance, and class grades are required, whether we are in a distance learning environment or with students in school. Students are expected to engage in learning daily. Attendance will be achieved by students attending class through Teams or Zoom, completing learning assignments or assessments, parent phone calls verifying work (up to 10 days), and/or an alternate learning assignment. Class grades will be generated from student demonstration of essential standards. Students not meeting standards shall be provided feedback, additional practice, and the opportunity to meet the standard until proficiency is met. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, or F based on their demonstration of learning the essential standards.

Sincerely,

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