

Fall 2020 Learning Plan

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BEGINNING THE YEAR

DISTRICT 191 WILL BEGIN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR GRADUALLY PHASING IN A HYBRID LEARNING MODEL.

The District 191 Board of Education approved a plan for the start of the school year that will slowly build to all grade levels attending school in our hybrid model. This deliberate and strategic approach will ensure safe and successful implementation of the Hybrid model by prioritizing relationships and allowing students and staff to practice new health and safety routines.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- The plan will delay instruction by two days to provide more time for professional development
- Most students will start in distance learning, with more grades moving into Hybrid over the course of September
- The plan will have all students in a Hybrid model by Sept. 28

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITMENTS

To help minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, District 191 is taking the following actions:

- Masks are mandated for staff and students in grades K-12.
- Strict social distancing
- Keep students in small groups or “pods” and minimize contact with other pods
- Emphasizing handwashing, provide hand sanitizer
- Minimize visitors to schools
- Increased cleaning, sanitizing of school buildings

You can help by practicing wearing a mask with your students, and following good health practices while away from school. Learn more at www.isd191.org/fall2020/health.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Families with children attending Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Preschool and Ready to Grow/Ready to Learn at Diamondhead Education Center will receive individualized information about their child’s learning plan for the 2020-21 year.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Every student will receive a learning device to use at home. If your student is having a problem with the device, please contact us. The help desk system provides self-help solutions to many common technology issues. Learn more about how to submit a support ticket online or over the phone at www.isd191.org/technology-support.

FALL 2020 CALENDAR

Sept. 7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day No School	District PD No School		K-1: Conferences/Assessment 2-12: Distance Virtual Academy Begins	
14	15	16	17	18
Pre-K - 1, 6 & 9: Hybrid  2 - 5, 7 - 8, 10 - 12: Distance  Virtual Academy Continues				
21	22	23	24	25
Pre-K - 3, 6 - 7, 9, 12: Hybrid  4 - 5, 8, 10 - 11: Distance  Virtual Academy Continues				
28	29	30	Oct. 1	2
ALL Students: Hybrid  Virtual Academy Continues				

It is important to note, the state guidance outlines parameters for when schools will shift between these scenarios, based on current public health data. The district will continue to partner with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to monitor COVID-19 cases in our schools and community.

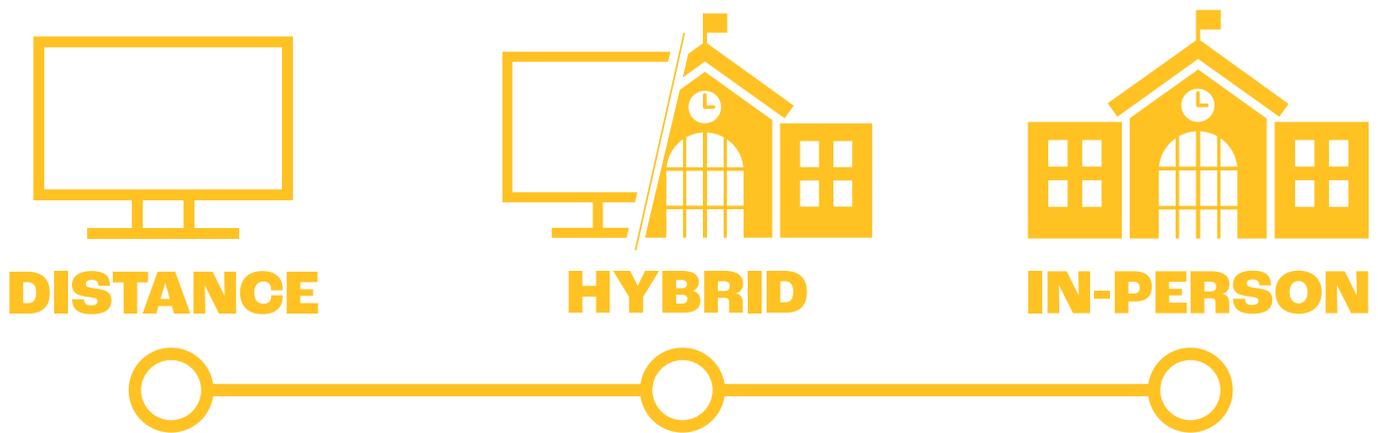
FAMILY CHECKLIST

» CHOOSE HOW YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND SCHOOL

Families will have two options for their student's learning experience this fall.

Option 1: Distance/Hybrid/In-Person

Based on public health conditions, students and our schools may move between three learning models throughout the school year: distance learning full time, a hybrid between distance and in-person learning, and in-person learning full time.



If and when the District 191's learning model changes, your child's method of receiving instruction will change with it. To choose this option, you don't need to do anything.

Option 2: Distance Learning Full Time

For families that do not want any kind of in-person learning, you can choose a full-time distance learning option called One91 Virtual Academy. The academy will be taught by One91 teachers and will operate independently from the distance/hybrid/in-person models.

To choose the One91 Learning Academy, you must register each child at www.isd191.org/VirtualAcademy.



FAMILY CHECKLIST

» TRANSPORTATION

In order to practice social distancing while riding the bus, the district will not have as much space for students. You can help by using alternative transportation if you can, such as driving your students to school, participating in a ride share with friends/neighbors, or walking/biking if it is safe.

If your student would normally ride the bus, but you are able to use alternative transportation, please Opt-Out of using district-provided transportation at www.isd191.org/fall2020.

» CHILDCARE/PROJECT KIDS

Childcare during distance learning time for children in grades K-5 is currently being planned. As required by state order, children of first responders, educators and other essential workers on Tier 1 of the state's essential worker list will have access to free child care during typical school hours only. Planning is also underway for K-5 childcare for both before and after school and non-school days.

» SCHOOL MEALS

School meals will be available in school on in-person school days. As part of our health protocols, students may pick up their meals at the cafeteria and then return to their room.

Meals will also be available for curbside pick-up on Wednesdays at Eagle Ridge and Nicollet Middle Schools, and Rahn Elementary School for distance learning days.

If your student will be participating in school meals, please make sure they have funds available in their accounts. Parents/guardians can make payments online using PayPAMS at <https://paypams.com>.

» APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

You may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Complete the Educational Benefits application to see if you qualify for free or reduced-price meals. You may also qualify for free or reduced fees for activities and athletics, as well as other benefits.

Apply now at www.paypams.com/onlineapp.aspx

INSTRUCTION MODELS



DISTANCE LEARNING 2.0

Distance Learning 2.0 now includes daily synchronous learning (online meetings via video conferencing with teacher and peers) and online self-paced learning for all students. The district has invested in several online tools to improve the experience students will have learning at home, whether as part of the hybrid plan or the full-time distance learning option.

- Students will interact with licensed teacher each day across full complement of courses
- Each virtual learning day for K-12 will include at least 120 minutes of synchronous instruction and activities
- Support for advanced learners, English Language learners, special ed, intervention
- Student work will be evaluated and priority standards will be assessed
- Districtwide benchmarking assessment
- Focused/streamlined communication with families/students
- Students will have access to teacher support through office hour designations



HYBRID LEARNING

In the hybrid model, school populations will be split into cohorts to accommodate a smaller capacity, with only one cohort attending in person on any given day. Inside the schools, students and staff will follow strict 6-foot social distancing protocols and will be required to wear masks, along with other health and safety protocols, to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The Hybrid Learning Model will place students in a rotation with some students attending school on one day while the other students participate in a distance learning day in an ongoing rotation.



IN-PERSON LEARNING

Students would return to school as usual, but with increased health precautions such as masks, increased cleaning, social distancing and other measures, as recommended by public health experts.

ONE91 VIRTUAL ACADEMY

One91 Virtual Academy is comparable to Distance Learning 2.0, however the student population will operate independently from the students in the Distance/Hybrid/In-Person learning option. This option is for families who want distance learning regardless of how the current public health data affects the district's learning model. Families must register for the One91 Virtual Academy.



**Virtual
Academy**



HYBRID

Depending on grade level, students will attend school in-person either two or four days per week. Wednesdays will always be distance learning, allowing for targeted in-person instruction, support or enrichment. Distance learning days will follow the distance learning 2.0 guidelines. On in-person learning days, the school release time will be about an hour earlier than normal. Families should receive more information from their school.

GRADES PRE-K – 2

Hybrid learning prioritizes the district's youngest learners. Each week, students in grades Pre-K – 2 will attend 4 days in person and participate in 1 day of distance learning. There will not be cohorts in grades Pre-K – 2, however smaller pods of students will be created to maintain physical distance. Processes will also be put into place to minimize the interaction between pods.

	M	T	W	Th	F
All Students	In-Person		Distance	In-Person	

GRADES 3 – 12

Each week, students in grades 3 - 12 will attend 2 days in person and participate in 3 days of distance learning. Some students receiving targeted services or intervention may attend in person on a distance learning day.

	M	T	W	Th	F
Cohort A	In-Person		Distance	Distance	
Cohort B	Distance			In-Person	



PRE-K HYBRID DETAILS

We've adapted our pre-kindergarten model to fit the unique situation of this school year. We believe parents are a child's first and most influential teacher. Our pre-kindergarten program partners with parents to provide early learning experiences, materials and parent support and information to set a strong foundation for your child's school experience.

- Smaller class sizes with an average of 8 -10 students per classroom to allow for physical distancing while supporting socialization and conversation
- Shortened class time on in person learning days: 9-11:30 am or 12:30-3 pm with breakfast or snack served (no lunch meal service)
- Personal supply kit at school (crayons, markers, glue, etc)
- Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces by staff along with sanitizing between morning and afternoon classes and at the end of each day
- At home learning opportunities and short, live family connection times (synchronous learning) on Wednesdays
- FREE virtual READY! For Kindergarten classes for parents and learning tools and materials for children provided three times per year

BAHS/BEST

Students at Burnsville Alternative High School (BAHS) and Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Transition Program (BEST) will attend either 4 days per week in person and participate in 1 day of distance learning or attend 2 days per week in person and participate in 3 days of distance learning.

STUDENT SUPPORT & SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students who receive special education services (Birth through age 21) will be able to access the supports and specialized instruction within the Hybrid Model, Distancing Learning Model, and the Virtual Academy. Student Support Services such as School Social Work, School Counseling, Headway Therapeutic Services, and Health Services will also be available to support students and families no matter what model students are participating in.

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PRE-K

- A consistent schedule of Monday through Friday learning opportunities
- Short, daily, live connections (synchronous learning) between your pre-k student and their teacher on a district provided device Device pick up times will be on Tuesday, September 8. More information will be sent to you prior to that date.
- A weekly PLAY plan that provides learning experiences in the areas of physical development, language and literacy, academic thinking and social emotional learning. Some experiences are designed to be completed with a parent or caregiver, and some may be done independently. Activities can be completed on your family's own schedule and shared with your classroom teacher.
- A monthly PLAY Pack that includes needed learning materials for the upcoming study. PLAY Packs can be obtained through curbside pick up on designated days or through transportation request if eligible.
- FREE virtual READY! For Kindergarten classes for parents and learning tools and materials for children provided three times per year

ELEMENTARY (K-5)

- Students will be assigned a Virtual Academy teacher
- Virtual Academy teachers are District 191 teachers who are focused on the 100% online learning of academy students
- Students remain part of their home school
- Curriculum is standards-based and aligned with the hybrid model
- Learning activities are designed for online learning
- Daily live sessions build relationships, provide student/teacher interactions, and provide structure for the learning day
- Teachers have posted office hours to support students and families

SECONDARY (6-12)

- All classes are taught by District 191 teachers
- Students remain part of their home school
- Courses and curriculum align with hybrid options
- Access to academic and social supports
- Daily live sessions build relationships, provide student/teacher interactions, and provide structure for the learning day
- Teachers have posted office hours to support students and families
- Virtual Academy will not change when in-person/hybrid/distance changes may occur