

## What to Expect As We Return to Highland Middle School on a Remote Learning Model

### How Will my Student Access Assignments at Home?

To help support students and families throughout the school year, students & families choosing our 100% Remote Learning Option will access curriculum and assignments through Apex Learning.

### What Will Learning Look Like in the Remote Learning Model?

While learning at home, students will primarily engage in asynchronous learning through Apex Learning, meaning students will be able to access and complete activities on demand at their own pace.

- Students should engage in instruction on Apex daily.
- To help ensure understanding of the topics, students will be required to achieve a mastery score on quizzes and checkpoints in order to advance to the next activity. Students will be given two attempts before they will be asked to connect with a teacher to provide additional instruction and practice. Teachers will, then, choose the appropriate next step for the student (i.e. schedule tutoring sessions with the student, grant mastery based on an alternate assignment, allow another retake, etc.).

### What Supports Are Available While Learning at Home?

Students are still assigned a Highland teacher for each subject. These teachers will be available during posted times to respond to emails or provide live support.

Additionally, students will submit written work to their Highland teachers to assess, provide feedback, and grade.

While learning at home, students may request or may be asked to attend some live, synchronous sessions.

- Teachers may schedule opportunities to discuss material and further explore the content as a class, small group, or individually. While these sessions will be primarily optional, it is recommended that students participate during the live sessions. Live, whole group instruction will allow students the opportunity to interact with their classmates in an inclusive setting.
- Students receiving additional supports, specifically designed instruction or related services during the year, will receive services during times that do not conflict with synchronous lessons. These will be scheduled by the individuals providing the support services.

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### How Will I Connect and Communicate While Learning at Home?

- Just like all of our HMS students, online students will be given a Highland teacher as a Mentor.
  - The Mentor will check on academic progress, communicate with students and families, and help students with good habits like goal setting and study skills. Mentors will schedule a check-in every two weeks, but students and families should always feel free to reach out to their mentor at any time.
  - In addition to the regular communication, Mentors will also provide family & student support meetings that will be scheduled in advance. These are intended to foster parent-teacher collaboration, provide time for individualized support, and strengthen the communication process.
  - Mentors will also be the student's primary contact point when students need assistance. Mentors will help connect students with a subject area teacher to receive additional support with academics.
  - Mentors will also schedule times for the entire Mentor group to connect via Zoom.
- As a parent, you may sign up to receive a weekly summary of the activities completed within Apex. More information on how to sign up for this will be shared.

### How Is Attendance Determined?

<b>Middle School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should log in to Apex and participate in learning by 11:00 a.m. daily.</li> <li>• Any login after 11:00 a.m. but before the close of the school day will be considered a tardy.</li> <li>• Parents/guardians must let the school know by phone or email if students are ill or unable to work that day.</li> </ul>
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