

Hayfield High Schools—Hybrid Learning Model

All the following guidelines and precautions laid out in the Safe Return to School plan still apply, unless otherwise noted below. This plan is designed for students in grades 7-12. MDE classifies students in grade 6 as elementary, regardless of what building they attend school in. 6th grade students will continue in-person learning.

Hybrid Model: The Minnesota Department of Education defines hybrid learning as the building operating at 50% of maximum occupancy and maintaining at least 6 feet between people at all times.

Students will attend school in person at least two days per week and *will engage in distance learning activities via Microsoft Teams during the days they are not physically in the school building*. Students learning from home are expected to follow their class schedule digitally via Microsoft Teams daily. They will receive Teams invitations from their classroom teacher to join the class virtually. Students with last names A-K will be placed in Group “A”. Students with last names L-Z will be placed in Group “B”. Families with different last names, *that live in the same household*, will be placed in the same grouping—please contact the high school office if you have questions as to which group you belong or have students with multiple last names living in the same household.

The hybrid A-B calendar is attached to this email.

Opt for Distance Learning: As always, families have the opportunity to opt for distance learning. This decision would be for the remainder of first quarter (through November 6th). At the end of first quarter, you will have a decision to continue distance learning or the learning model we are currently in. If you would like to opt for distance learning as we transition to a hybrid model, please contact the high school office, no later than Thursday, October 15th.

Classroom Instruction: Students can expect to be taught a new lesson every day. 50% of time in-person, does not mean that students will only be taught 50% of the curriculum. Teachers will continue to communicate their learning targets and goals and assess students through both formal and informal assessments. Grading will remain the same for hybrid learning. Hybrid learning will differ by class and content area (music, physical education, agriculture courses, science, etc.).

Students Without Internet Access: We ask students and families without internet access to contact the office to set up a plan and request internet assistance for the days in which they are not in-person.

Special Education: Consistent with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), all special education students have contingency plans in their IEP’s in the event of a change in learning models. Hayfield High School will work closely with students, parents, and

case managers to maximize learning in the hybrid model. If you have specific questions, please contact your case manager or our director of special education Janet Hartman.

Transportation: The guidelines from MDH and MDE state that in a hybrid model that transportation must abide by 50% capacity. At this time, there will be no need to change any bus routes or pick up times. Students will only be allowed to ride their designated bus to and from school. Students will not be allowed to ride other busses due to number limitations on bus routes. This will remain in effect until the learning model goes back to in-person learning.

Meals: For days students do not have in-person learning, they will still have an opportunity for a meal prepared by the school. Meals, for the duration of the week, will be available for students to bring home on Monday or Tuesday. If you would like to request meals for your students on the days they are not in-person, please fill out the form, no later than the end of the day Thursday, October 15th. Meal Form: <http://hayfield.k12.mn.us/7th-12th-grade-hybrid-learning-families-lunch-request/>

Please note, due to the transition in learning models, students in Group “B” who sign up for meals, will have a meal delivered on Monday, October 19th. This will only be for Monday, October 19th, since it is the first day of the hybrid model.

If you are distance learning and previously filled out the meal form, you do not have to fill out the form again.

Athletics: Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities will continue as scheduled for the duration of our time in the hybrid model. The late bus will be available for our student athletes after school, per usual.