

FAQs for Secondary Extended Day Hybrid Model

The FAQs below are based on the feedback from parents about the need for more information in order to make a decision about which secondary model to choose for their child(ren). Based on this feedback, we have also extended the survey due date through Tuesday, April 13th. We appreciate your feedback, suggestions and patience with our process. Our purpose is to serve our parents and students while keeping everyone safe. As we have experienced in the past year, the answers to the following questions are as we know them now. As the COVID situation continues to change, additional adjustments may be required.

Q: What is the plan for the new secondary hybrid model?

A: The plan for instruction for the new model is that all cohorts will receive the same instruction and instructional time. The instructional time is set at a minimum of 15 minutes or, at teacher discretion, may continue for a longer period of time, however, what is done for one group will be done for the rest of the cohort groups. Some teachers may continue on-line with google meets while others have requested cameras so that students can access learning through streaming.

Q: What is lunch going to look like?

A: Each building has a lunch plan. At Stanwood High School, students will be in the commons with an additional space in the auxiliary gym. Students will sit by 4th period teachers to allow for contact tracing. At Stanwood Middle, they will be using the cafeteria and can access the gyms as well. The same is true of Port Susan Middle. Principals may have adjusted their plans and thinking over spring break but this is generally the way lunch will look. At this time, all students will need to pack a lunch. If your student would like to access the district's 7-day meal order program, click [HERE](#).

Q: Does the District expect more students to attend the new hybrid model? Will social distancing be impacted?

A: We do expect more students but we will have to confirm this with the results from the secondary survey sent to families prior to spring break. We have supervisors in the hallways to help students make sure they are following the social distancing protocols. The due date for the parent/student survey has been extended through Tuesday, April 13th, so that parents are able to get their questions answered prior to completing the survey.

Q: What is happening regarding due dates and drop dates in this model?

A: Many parents/students found this useful and many did not. As we enter into the last quarter, teachers will have the discretion to establish due dates and drop dates.

Q: Case rates have been increasing in the various counties; how does that impact the new secondary hybrid model?

A: Case rates have been on the rise for the last two weeks, there are three components that the Governor and health departments review. Those components are the number of new cases, rates per 100,000 and hospitalizations. We are keeping an eye on these and also take into consideration other things which include, but are not limited to, advice from our district nurses, school data and community trends. Additionally, all districts in the State of Washington are expected to follow the Governor's order requiring 30% of student learning time at all levels be delivered in-person. This could change based on COVID data.

Q: If my child(ren) opt to remain in distance learning, how will the district ensure that my child(ren) are receiving an equitable education?

A: The new secondary model provides for all cohorts (AA, BB, and distance learners) to receive the same instruction and instructional time. The minimum instructional time is 15 minutes for all students. Teachers may extend the time to all cohorts. This decision is based on teacher discretion.

Q: What if something instructional is missed in one of the cohorts; will my distance learner be informed of this?

A: Yes, if an additional topic is addressed in a different cohort, this information will be also given to our distance learning cohort prior to tests, quizzes and required work.

Q: Will class content continue to be posted through Google Classroom?

A: Yes. All assignments will go through Google Classroom at the secondary level.

Q: Why the quick timeline for changing the secondary schedule which came out right before spring break?

A: Governor Inslee made a proclamation that all districts in the State of Washington need to provide 30% of instructional time to K-12 students by April 19th. The district worked diligently to ensure adherence to this mandate and to make sure parents knew what to expect prior to spring break.

Q: Why are office hours scheduled at 1:35?

A: Office hours are scheduled for distance learning students at this time. All students may also email their teachers if they have questions or need clarification on an assignment.

Q: What if I have more questions about the new model?

A: If you have additional questions, please reach out to your student's school and/or contact lschaaf@stanwood.wednet.edu