

Key Messages

- Grades 6-12 move to Distance Learning on November 16, 2020, which aligns with elementary shift to Hybrid.
- Distance Learning will remain in place at least through the first semester (January 28, 2021). The District will reevaluate at that time to determine the learning model.
- All athletics and activities will continue unless data within each program requires a different decision.
- There will be no school for students on **November 11-13**.

Calendar

Nov. 10	Parent Communication will be shared
Nov. 11-13	Staff training and planning time/no students
Nov. 16	Move to Distance Learning for grades 6-12
Nov. 20	No School for students/District Staff Development Day
Nov. 23	Virtual Conferences 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24-25	No School
Nov. 26-27	Fall Break/No School
Dec. 24- Jan. 1	Winter Break/No School
Jan. 28	End of Semester and Quarter 2
Jan.29	Staff Work Day

Schedule Monday through Thursday

- Student course schedule for each period will be shared by the building principal
- Students are expected to attend and participate in every hour. These live sessions may include screencasts, collaborative work, breakouts, playlists or other engagement strategies.
- Staff will keep the Google Meet open the entire class period and be available so that students can seek additional support or clarification.
- For flexibility with attendance due to other obligations, please work with the individual teachers.

Distance Learning Schedule for Friday

- Instruction will follow the same process as the current Hybrid Model for Fridays. Course work will be posted in Schoology and teachers will have office hours for individual support.

Schoology Communication

Schoology will continue to be the online classroom and source of course information in grades 6 -12. Teachers will communicate daily expectations through a Schoology Update post and the use of an embedded slideshow. Course information, procedures, and communication will be distributed using Schoology, and coursework will be organized in folders labeled with the corresponding date(s). Parents may access and review student work through their parent [Schoology account](#). As a general rule, teachers will respond to all communication within 24 hours with the exception of weekends and holidays.

When using Schoology, staff will:

- Utilize the Updates Section to post daily expectations to students/parents.
 - These updates are meant for families and they provide a consistent place to view the work due for all of their children's classes. The update should include a short to-do list of expectations for that day.
 - Families will easily access and see these updates when logging into Schoology without having to click into various classes.
- Embedded slideshow in Schoology
 - The embedded slideshow offers students a consistent place to get more detail about work due on any particular day. Because there is one slide per day, students can go back and review days they missed if they fall behind.

Athletics and Activities will continue while in Distance Learning

District officials, including Athletic/Activity Directors, believe that it is important to continue our activities program due to the related mental and physical health benefits. As we transition into the distance learning model, students will continue to be provided the opportunity to participate in athletics and activities. The choice to participate will remain with the students and parents.

The ISD 728 Health Services Team will continue to review any close contacts or positive cases in our student, coaches or advisors participating in athletics/activities and will take the necessary measures to keep students safe.

Throughout this school year, and in alignment with MDE/MDH, the Minnesota State High School League has provided sport specific COVID-19 safety guidance to member schools in order to assist them in operating athletics/activities in the safest possible manner. More information is available on the [MSHSL Website](#).

Attendance

- ([How to “Check In” Video](#)) — This is a change in practice!
 - Students are expected to check in to each class period daily using Campus Portal.
 - At 6:00 p.m. (on school days), students and parents will receive a notification via email if students did not complete their daily check in — they will still be able to check in until midnight.
 - Students who do not complete their check in by midnight will be marked absent.
 - Students who participate in class but forget to check in should contact their teacher to correct the absence.
 - Work completion/interaction will no longer be used for attendance purposes.
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Grading

- The current grading system for middle and high school students will remain the same.
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Special Education

- Your student’s contingency plan outlines the supports and services that he/she will receive during the distance learning model.
 - Please contact your student’s case manager if you have concerns or questions about their contingency plan.
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Section 504

- Your student’s contingency plan outlines the accommodations he/she will receive during the distance learning model.
 - Please contact your student’s 504 manager if you have concerns or questions about their contingency plan.
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Co-located Mental Health Services

- Co-Located Mental Health Services will continue to be provided during Distance Learning either in person or via telehealth to ensure continuation of mental health services as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- If your child is currently receiving mental health services work with their [co-located provider](#), see list at bottom of the page to determine how he/she will continue to receive these services.
- If you need more information or are interested in receiving mental health services for your child, please contact your building principal, counselor or social worker.

Conferences

- Virtual.
 - Every building will be sending out information regarding building-specific processes for conferences.
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Targeted Services/Credit Recovery

- Targeted Services will be provided via Distance Learning.
 - Credit Recovery will be provided via Distance Learning.
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Technical Guides

View our [Parent and Student Technical Resource Guides](#).

Student/Parent Technology Help

Grade K-5 Parents and Grade 6-12 students or parents can:

- Visit www.isd728.org/LetsChat, or call (763) 241-3490 for assistance.
- Support is available 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

