

Junior High Families,

Beginning **March 1, 2021**, United School District 304 will return to the **traditional, full day, in-person schedule**. Details regarding the schedule and modifications are listed below. The majority of our procedures will stay the same. If you have any questions after reading the information, please contact the Junior High Office at 309-734-8511.

In Person Guidelines

Masks will still be mandatory. It is our United School Board policy that students and staff wear masks inside the building. We will get outside for mask breaks throughout the day as the weather gets nicer.

Students still need to bring their Chromebooks charged and ready to go to school each day.

Students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. We have created a schedule where some students will be eating lunch in the cafeteria, but some will be supervised while eating in classrooms. This allows us to socially distance students while they have their masks off and eating. All meals are free for the remainder of the year. Students may still bring a sack lunch from home.

Dismissal procedures will remain the same. The first shuttle busses to Alexis and the High School will dismiss around 3:10 when shuttles arrive from the elementary and the route busses will dismiss after that (around 3:15 or when route busses begin to show up.)

Full Remote Expectations

With the news that United Schools will be doing live lessons for all remote students beginning March 1, we wanted to share some answers to some of the questions that may arise.

What is the daily schedule for remote only learning?

We will conduct class **synchronously (live)** with students following the schedule below:

UJH Remote Class Schedule

- This schedule may look different than your Skyward schedule, but when you are attending live Google Meets you will need to follow this schedule each day.
- If you miss a class, you will need to watch the recording at a later time.
- *8th Graders- During Math- *Algebra Students will attend Mrs. Frieden's class and Regular Math students will attend Mrs. Todd's class**
- For P.E. there will not be a recording, just fill out your exercise log as usual in your Google Classroom.

| Period | 6th Grade | 7th Grade | 8th Grade |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1st- 8:04-8:46 | Social Studies | Science | SPECIAL |
| 2nd- 8:49-9:30 | Math | SPECIAL | ELA |
| 3rd- 9:33-10:14 | SPECIAL | Math | ELA |
| MASK BREAK for in person learners | | | |
| 4th- 10:20-11:01 | PE (No Recording) | Social Studies | Math* |
| 5th- 11:01-12:31 | Lunch/Study Hall (Band/Choir 12:01-12:31) | Lunch/Study Hall (Band/Choir 11:01-12:01) | Lunch/Study Hall (Band/Choir 11:01-12:01) |
| 6th- 12:34-1:15 | Science | PE (No Recording) | Social Studies |
| 7th- 1:18-1:59 | ELA | ELA | Science |
| MASK BREAK for in person learners | | | |
| 8th- 2:05-2:46 | ELA | ELA | PE(No Recording) |
| 9th- 2:50-3:15 | Homeroom | Homeroom | Homeroom |

How many days of the week will a student attend online class?

Each day we are in session, students are expected to attend online class

meetings with their teachers using the schedule above. If a student can't attend during the day, they can view the recorded live classroom lessons after they are posted at the end of the school day.

How will attendance be taken?

Students must click the attendance link that they have been using all school year found on Google Classroom to register their attendance each day (in person students have been doing this on Wednesdays and remote students have been doing this every day, all school year.) Teachers will also be taking attendance during their individual classes. [Remote Learning Attendance Form](#)

Are parents required to notify the school when their student cannot attend online meetings due to illness?

No, recorded lessons will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Remote Students **will be required to fill out the attendance form** above. Absences from remote learning will be reconciled the same as in-person days. Absences will either become excused (with a valid reason) or unexcused.

What are the expectations for online meetings?

Students are expected to be logged into their class on time and participating for the duration of the lesson. Students are expected to mute their mic unless talking, use the chat box to ask questions if needed, not multi-task (ie work on other classes), and turn in assignments on time.

Again, are students required to be in online school every day?

Students are expected to either be online, in each of their assigned classes, everyday we are in session, or watch the recorded classroom instruction and finish all in class activities. Parents...please do not let a student convince you otherwise.

Will assignments, quizzes, projects, tests, etc. continue to count towards a student's grade?

Yes. This is a continuation of the 3rd quarter grading period.

What will happen to a student's grade for this semester if they choose not to turn in assignments during the remote learning period?

Students will receive the grade they earn.

Where do we find information about what is assigned?

Teachers will post their class Google Meet link on Classroom and will post recorded lessons at the end of the day. Teachers will continue to facilitate their courses through online meetings.

What do I do if my student is struggling in a class?

Students need to participate and be completely engaged during online class meetings and watch any videos sent prior to class time. Students can ask questions during online class meetings as well as ask to set up an online meeting to meet individually with their teachers during their prep period. For remote learners watching recorded lessons, you may not get a response from the classroom teacher until the following day when the teacher once again has a prep period.

Does my student need to log on during their scheduled study hall?

No

What are some other expectations of students during synchronous learning?

In addition to posting their attendance each day and being logged in on time to each of their classes online, they need to check their email and Google Classrooms often; they need stay in contact with their teachers if an unforeseen situation arises; and they need to complete any and all assignments. Teachers can set up online meetings during their prep periods if additional help is needed.

Managing Student Behavior

Students not meeting remote classroom behavioral expectations will be muted or removed from the live session. The recording would be made available after the school day is complete. Repeat offenders would be provided with the recorded synchronous instruction with no option to join live.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Junior High Office at 309-734-8511.

Thank You,
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