

**Mahomet Seymour CUSD #3**  
**Off-Campus Learning FAQ**  
**Fall 2020**



**Off-Campus Learning**

**Q: Why do I have to make the choice for the semester?**

A: To provide the best learning experience possible for students, students in grades K-5 will be assigned to an all virtual classroom. All the students in this class will be full-time off-campus learners. For 6-12, whenever possible, based on enrollment numbers, students will be assigned to an all virtual section of that class (e.g., 8th grade social studies, English 1). If students are moving between virtual and in-person throughout the semester, it does not allow us to maintain all virtual classrooms.

**Q: What curriculum will be used if I select off-campus learning?**

A: All students will be taught by Mahomet-Seymour teachers for all classes using the district curriculum. This is very different from what is happening in other districts where curriculum and instruction is being outsourced to a third party.

**Q: Will my child be able to participate in band and chorus at the JH/HS level?**

A: Yes. Students enrolled in any elective, including band and chorus, will still have that as part of their off-campus learning experience. The assignments and projects may look different but instructional goals will be met.

**Q: Will my junior high student still be able to take compacted math?**

A: Yes, students will be offered their same courses.

**Q: Will my child be able to participate in extracurricular activities?**

A: Yes. Students participating in learning off-campus are still MS students. They will have the same opportunities for extracurricular activities.

**Q: Will attendance be taken daily?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Will all children in my family be on the same schedule?**

A: Yes. All elementary students in the same household and all junior/high school students in the same household will be on the same schedule. If you DO NOT want your students on the same schedule, please contact the building principal.

**Q: Will my student be assessed and receive grades?**

A: Yes. Learning is much different this fall. Students will be assessed and grades will be assigned. As with in-person learning, teachers will be available for support.

**Q: If the class is a blended class, such as when the high school starts with A/B days or a class with both on/off-campus learners, how will my off-campus student be able to see the board?**

A: Teachers will be making modifications to their current teaching practices to support both on- and off- campus learners. This might include sharing computer screens and/or sharing notes in advance.

**Q: When is my student expected to be online for learning?**

A: This fall school online for K-5 will run much like a typical school day, just virtually. For example, at K-5 a teacher will still do a whole group lesson. While students are working on an assignment, based on that whole group lesson, some students might be assigned a task to work on independently (not online) for a period of time while the teacher meets with a small group of students online. The school day will be 5-5.5 hours, but not every minute will be online. However, there will be explicit direct instruction that is live.

At 6-8, if we have enough virtual students, students will follow their junior high schedule with teachers teaching a class of all online learners (core classes only). If we don't have enough students for an all off-campus class, the virtual students will follow their schedule and the teacher will teach to the online students at the same time he/she has a class with students physically present. Web cameras will be utilized as well as other tools.

For students in 9-12, it is unlikely that we will have many courses that will be virtual only. High school students will follow their schedule with blended classes of both online and in-person learners with our MS teachers. Web cameras will be utilized as well as other tools.

**Q: What if our home internet is not reliable?**

A: We are working to secure locations within the community where kids can sign up and have access to reliable internet.

**Q: Will teacher lesson plans be available?**

A: We have never provided individual teacher lesson plans to parents. However, teachers are happy to provide parents the learning standards they will cover during a unit of study.

**Kids Club**

**Q: How do I sign my kids up for Kids Club?**

A: Kids Club registration opens on Monday at 9:00 am. There will be three groups of 25 at each school (LT/MPE). We are still looking for additional workers, including substitutes. If you're interested, please contact [bgraham@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:bgraham@ms.k12.il.us) (LT) or Philisha Paragi ([pparagi@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:pparagi@ms.k12.il.us))

**A/B or AM/PM**

**Q: When will I know if my child is on A/B days or AM/PM?**

A: We are working to get that information to parents as soon as possible. We are currently adjusting class lists to accommodate the changes based on on/off-campus requests.