



Greetings,

In an effort to keep you informed and help you make the best decision possible for fall enrollment we would like to share with you some additional details on the proposed NWPHS hybrid learning model, as well as, the optional distance learning model. We would encourage you to read through the details of each plan and have a discussion with your student(s) to determine which plan you would like to choose for the fall.

### **Hybrid Learning Model:**

- **Schedule**
  - A-Group Monday and Tuesday (50% of total enrollment minus students opting for distance learning).
  - B-Group Wednesday and Thursday (50% of total enrollment minus students opting for distance learning).
  - Scheduled Friday School - distance learning for all, including grade specific cohort groups and virtual student expos.
  - A or B groups will be determined in concert with a number of factors including family members, bus/van coordination, advisory make-up, staffing etc.
  - Daily schedule - during in-school days the regular 7:45-3:00 schedule will remain. During distance learning days there will be a combination of required attendance times (check-ins, one-on-one advisor meetings, seminars) and independent work times for students to log.
  - Students will have the **same advisor** for both in-school days and distance learning days.
- **Academics**
  - During in person meeting days students will maintain a similar schedule (with limitations) to in the past. 8:00-8:45 Silent Reading Time; 8:45-9:15 Advisory Time; 9:15 - Lunch Project Time; 45 minutes of Math after Lunch; Project Time until 3:00.
  - During distance learning days the advisor will establish a similar schedule based on individual student needs and group lessons.
  - All students will have the option to take a Chromebook home for distance learning days.
  - Special education and other specialized services will be provided and coordinated through the case managers.
- **Daily expectations**

- Students will be required to stay in their own advisory throughout the day.
- Students will be provided a workspace with a Chromebook and other necessary items.
- All students and staff will be required to wear cloth masks throughout the day. NWPHS will provide every student with a cloth mask at the beginning of the year. Families can provide their own approved mask. NWPHS will have disposable masks available if a student forgets to bring one.
- Students will be expected to adhere to strict 6-foot physical distancing.
- Frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer will be promoted.
- We will use outdoor classroom spaces and outdoor movement breaks as much as possible. Students will not be required to wear masks during outdoor times as long as physical distancing is maintained.
- **Facility**
  - Students will enter their assigned building through designated entrances.
  - Students will be limited to their own advisory, unless otherwise assigned.
  - Students will use designated bathrooms and only one person at time will be allowed in bathrooms.
  - Outdoor classroom spaces are being developed to provide additional spaces for distancing.
- **Health screening and safety**
  - Temperature will be taken and a Health Screening Form completed each morning (prior to getting on the van/bus or prior to entering building spaces).
  - Any student who has a temperature at or above 100.4 and/or is showing symptoms of illness may not enter the bus or classroom.
  - Any student showing symptoms at school needs to be picked-up within 90 minutes of notification. If parents are unavailable, emergency contact will be notified.
  - Masks will be required in all buildings, vans/bus and anytime we are not able to maintain 6 foot physical distancing.
  - If you are experiencing symptoms stay home and notify the office.
  - If you are quarantining but able to complete work you may participate in distance learning and be considered in attendance.
  - NWPHS will follow the MN Department of Health *decision tree* to evaluate the need for students and/or staff to be sent home, and/or quarantine.
- **Cleaning Protocols**
  - Cleaning will be conducted twice a day in all advisories and common spaces.
  - Professional deep cleaning and sanitation will occur twice a week after school hours.
- **Transportation**
  - Vans will be limited to a maximum of 3 students.
  - The school bus will be limited to a maximum of 7 students.
  - Van/bus routes may take longer than usual or pick-ups may be earlier than usual based on limited van/bus capacity.

- Parents/students are encouraged to provide their own transportation, if possible.
- Vans/Bus will be cleaned and sanitized after each route.
- Temperatures and health screenings will be done prior to students being admitted onto the vans/bus.
- **Lunches**
  - Hot lunches will be provided for all students on in-school days.
  - Students receiving free or reduced lunches will be provided with lunches on distance learning days.
  - Vending machines will no longer be available.
  - Lunches will be eaten in advisory or outdoor spaces.
  - Lunch times will be staggered by buildings.
- **Duration**
  - Northwest Passage administration will evaluate and make recommendations on a change of scenario after each six week session, based on MN Department of Health recommendations and school specific needs.
  - If the school service area reaches thresholds for distance learning only, Northwest Passage HS could pivot within one to two days.

### **Distance Learning Model:**

- **Opting in**
  - All families will have the option to choose distance learning during this time.
- **Academics**
  - Students will be assigned an advisor who will manage distance learning exclusively.
  - Students opting for distance learning will be expected to complete a daily and weekly schedule that aligns with their Personal Learning Plan to assure adequate progress.
  - Students will be provided with a Chromebook to complete distance work.
  - NWPHS will offer both supported independent project work and scheduled courses.
- **Attendance**
  - Attendance will be based on a combination of student's logging into assigned groups/meetings/courses and student daily activity logs.
- **Lunches**
  - Lunches can be provided for students receiving free or reduced lunch
- **Special education and other specialized services**
  - Accommodations and supports will be provided and coordinated through the case managers.
- **Asynchronistic Learning Model**
  - Recognizing that some students may be required to take on additional duties (family, work) during this time, we can offer some students a modified (asynchronistic) learning model. Students will still be required to meet with

advisors and log time, however it may not be during typically scheduled school day. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to connecting with you next week!

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