



### **Middle School Virtual Program**

**2020-2021**

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The Middle School will be offering a concurrent classroom model so that students working in-person and virtually can simultaneously participate in each school day. Teachers are preparing their courses and planning their instruction so that students who are on-campus, as well as those who are off-campus, can participate in each lesson.

- Virtual students will participate via Zoom in daily, synchronous core classes and weekly advisory meetings.
  - To participate in their core classes (Math, English, History, Science, Spanish, and IDEA Lab), virtual students will join their class via Zoom.
  - External cameras are being installed in each classroom to capture the teacher's lesson and instruction.
  - The teacher's presentation materials, such as videos and slideshows, will be shared with virtual students using the screenshare function on Zoom.
  - The Zoom call will remain open throughout each class and in-person students will be encouraged to chat with virtual students to increase their opportunities for social interactions and participate in group and partner work.
- Using Steelhead Connect, teachers will organize and clarify the learning plan for each week, and detail each step in the plan so students clearly understand what they are supposed to do each day and over the course of the week.
- All students will be required to have a functional webcam and use it in every class every day (unless permission is granted otherwise).
- Virtual students will be able to meet remotely with teachers during daily prep periods.
- Concurrent virtual classes will likely not be possible for art, music, and drama classes. We are exploring a quarterly independent study plan for virtual students to complete at their own pace during each quarter.
- Science labs will require take-home kits or the ability to replicate labs off-campus. Some field-based labs might not be replicable off-campus.
- Virtual students may be able to opt into our experiential components, such as Confluence, Expedition, and Traveling School. Please note, that we are still working on our options to sustain these important aspects of our curriculum.

- The school day will start at 8:45 AM and end at 3:00 PM for both on-campus and off-campus learners.

**For questions about the Middle School Virtual Learning Program, please contact Aaron Moorhead, Middle School Head: [moorhead@cascadesacademy.org](mailto:moorhead@cascadesacademy.org), 541.382.0699 x108.**