

September 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for your patience, participation, and commitment to learning as part of our Remote Middle School Academy. As we work together your communication is a vital part of our success.

An issue was brought to my attention regarding schedule times and when to log into homeroom and what class period times do we follow.

All remote students are to follow the bell/ login schedule below.

JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
MIDDLE SCHOOL FULL REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM
SCHEDULES

The Remote Middle School Schedule will contain Homeroom and 5 block classes each day. All students have a schedule in Genesis that will cover the 1st semester of the school year. Planning and schedules beyond 1st semester will occur at a later date.

Daily schedule

Homeroom 8:05 - 8:14

Period 1-2A 8:16 - 9:05

Period 2B-3 9:07 - 9:56

Period 4-5A 9:58 - 10:47

Period 5B - break/ lunch 10:49 - 11:04

Period 6-7A 11:06 - 11:55

Period 7B-8 11:57 - 12:46

Extra help, small group instruction, additional lessons 1:00 - 3:00

During the time from 1:00 - 3:00, teachers will provide extra help, small group instruction, and additional lessons. The teachers will communicate with each class about these activities.

Beginning with homeroom, students will log in to their teacher's google meet each period and

receive live instruction each day. Courses with large numbers of students (PE, band, chorus, technology, world language) will have a variety of different methods of instruction. The teachers will provide this information to the students through their class pages and in google meets.

All Middle School remote teacher's websites can be found here: [Middle School Remote Teachers](#). The teachers will be updating their websites this week and providing all the necessary information prior to the start of school.

Each student has their Physical Education class on an A or B Day schedule alternating with their elective. The Middle School Remote Academy A/B schedule calendar can be found [here](#).

Additional information can be found on the district website:

[JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT REMOTE LEARNING WEBSITE](#)

The expectation of students learning remotely are:

Students will:

- Have their district-issued Chromebook for each period's lessons
- Check their teacher class page or google classroom daily.
- Check into each assigned class daily.
- Be expected to complete work and maintain a level of engagement and participation in all classes.
- Participate in google meets as noted below:
 - Students will be on time for each class session
 - Students will be ready and prepared to learn
 - Students are expected to have their video and voice-enabled for the duration of the class and be expected to be called upon just as in the classroom.
 - Students are expected to be attentive during lessons.
- Be expected to communicate with their teacher if they are struggling with any material or expectations of the class.
- Be expected to complete assigned classwork, assessments, and participation expectations for each of their assigned classes
- Practice digital citizenship skills when interacting online.

APEX courses

The following courses will be taught using APEX for Middle School:

7th and 8th Grade Algebra
8th Grade Geometry
8th Grade World Language

These courses are marked as APEX on student's schedules. APEX is a program where students complete a course online. Every course has specific lessons that include videos, animations, information, reviews, and assessments. Students work on the course independently. A teacher will be assigned to each APEX class and be available for support, answer any questions, and monitor student pacing.

During the time in your schedule where the APEX class is scheduled, students should work on course material at that time. The APEX teacher will reach out to the students to provide office hours when they will be available to meet with students.

Thank you again and I look forward to working with the teachers, students, and parents of our Remote Learning Academy.

Sincerely,

John Lamela
The Jackson Middle School Remote Academy