



Collinsville Community Unit School District 10

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Today we complete the sixth week of the 2020-21 school year and the third week of Hybrid/Blended in-person learning.

We are thrilled to see students back in our hallways and classrooms. Safety protocols: wearing masks, social distancing, increased cleaning and hand washing have proven to be effective the past three weeks in a Hybrid/Blended Setting.

Balancing safety protocols and meeting students' academic and social/emotional needs is extremely challenging. Our teachers, principals and support staff are adapting each day and adjusting to new delivery methods and the integration of technology, while balancing Hybrid/Blended learners and remote learners.

As we evolve, the following tweaks and adjustments are occurring to improve student engagement and address issues with technology:

- We have adjusted the school calendar to move the October 9 Remote Planning Day to Monday, October 11, so M-Z students will not miss a day of in-person instruction.
- Tutoring opportunities have been established for remote and hybrid learners at CHS and opportunities are being created for elementary, intermediate and middle school students.
- Families can visit the following link for assistance on how to navigate Google Classroom and various platforms our teachers are using in their classrooms this year:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5YAaUfK1UEr3CXQRzOc1_RVbRa3FtIOG
- Faculty and staff are preparing for families to switch from Remote to Hybrid/Blended at the end of the grading period, as outlined in our Return to Learning Plan. Information will be released to families next week and include the next steps to take.
- Principals and teachers are discussing opportunities to bring additional students back to school based on their individual needs, according to data, and to ensure we can continue to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.
- Resources, support and training for faculty and staff are ongoing to help improve the quality of instruction we provide both Hybrid/Blended and Remote Learners regarding in-person, live and recorded grade-level content.

We understand this process has been challenging for our students, families and staff. We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to evolve. Keep in mind, the abrupt shift in instructional practices our teachers are navigating would take 3-to-5-years to master in a normal setting; they have implemented major changes in less than 6 months. We realize this is different for everyone, let's continue working together as we maneuver through a pandemic.

Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride!

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