



The Philadelphia High School for The Creative and Performing Arts

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To all Ninth Grade Parents/Families:

The School District of Philadelphia will soon begin Phase III of its plan to *slowly and safely* phase-in groups of students to a mix of in-person and digital learning (hybrid learning). **If you choose to do so, all 9th graders are offered the option to participate in hybrid learning starting May 10, 2021.** Otherwise, they can remain 100% digital. Families who chose to remain in the 100% digital learning model or did not make a selection during the April selection process must remain digital at this time.

Parents will receive a survey where they can choose their option the week of April 19th. Once you opt out, you cannot change your mind. If you opt-in and change your mind, you must notify us here at school.

Students opting into hybrid learning will be assigned a schedule where they would attend school in person two days per week, either in an “A” cohort (Monday & Tuesday) or B Cohort (Thursday & Friday). On the remaining three days each week, they will engage in digital learning remotely as they have done since the beginning of the school year.

To prepare for a safe transition, teachers will need additional time during the work day from April 26 - May 7th. They will use this time to prepare their classrooms and engage in health and safety training and instructional professional development. We will communicate any schedule changes once they are determined, but for now, students should plan for April 26th to be a full asynchronous day and half days for the remainder of that week.

Starting May 10th, students will come to school on their designated days only. All students remain at home on Wednesdays for a fully asynchronous day. Students who are in need of tutoring or grade recovery can access a teacher virtually on Wednesdays. Prior to the end of the school year, all students who are in the building and are currently enrolled in an Algebra 1 course, will be taking the Keystone Exams.

We will be following the current bell schedule so as to not disrupt the entire school, mostly of who will still be at home. School will begin at 8:30AM and we will be

dismissed at 3:30 PM.

In addition to opting in for hybrid via a district survey, parents will be required to sign a Covid Consent Form that will be on our website. This allows us to test all students for COVID. Consent must be given to opt in to hybrid. If you do not want your child tested, they cannot attend school in person.

There are still many details that need to be worked out. I will communicate with you as I get information, as well as provide an FAQ for you to refer to in hopes that this will answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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