



***School will be returning to a hybrid environment beginning 10-26.
School will transition back to fully online if Franklin County moves back to
level 3 or we are recommended to do so by state agencies.***

Dear parents, students, and community members,

Starting on October 26th, the first day of the second quarter, Horizon Science Academy Middle School will be moving to our Hybrid Learning Model. This decision was made after monitoring the data trends related to COVID-19 cases in Franklin County and speaking with Columbus Public Health. Our Hybrid Learning Model means students will be coming into the building for learning two days a week. **The days students will be in the building on the same days students are already having their synchronous learning with Zoom sessions.** The other three days will continue to be online with the same expectations that have been in place for asynchronous days. These expectations include using Google Classroom, participating in Advisory online on Fridays, completing the Agenda Attendance Check-off lists, and all assignments for asynchronous learning being due by Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Due to students returning to the building, there are actions that must be taken by families in order to support this transition.

1. The school must be notified if you intend to be fully online by 10/9. You may complete our [Learning Option Selection Form](#) by following this link or call 614-428-6564. Students will be counted as absent if the school has not been notified.
2. Request a bus, if transportation is needed, as soon as possible as this can be a lengthy process. Applications are online for the bus at www.ccsch.us/transportation.aspx.
3. Our dismissal process will be changing due to social distancing. Please follow directions of staff that are present when arriving at the school and exercise patience so we can keep everyone safe.
4. There are no in-person after school activities. Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m from Monday through Thursday. Students need to ride the bus or be picked up on-time. No students will be in the building on Fridays.
5. Students should start getting used to wearing masks as they will be required for an extended period of time.
6. Students should bring a non-glass water bottle with a lid.
7. All school expectations, including uniform, will be enforced.
8. Chromebooks must be charged for the school day. Students are not likely to have easy access for charging their chromebooks throughout the day.
9. Students will not have access to lockers.
10. Morning self checks must be completed at home for each student daily.

We will continue to monitor the trends of COVID-19 cases and speak with Columbus Public Health. If your student, or any individual in the same household, tests positive for COVID-19 please reach out to us as soon as possible, through calling the school and leaving a message or using our hotline, ms.covid@horizoncolumbus.org. These options are available at any time of the day or night. We look forward to seeing many of our students in person.