

June 17, 2020

Good Morning, Beautiful People—

In light of ongoing uncertainty due to COVID-19, NEXT High School wants to be a center of consistency for your students and family. **To provide safety, consistency, and flexibility for the 2020-2021 school year, NEXT High School will be following a Hybrid Learning Model** beginning on August 6, 2020 (our scheduled first day of the 2020-21 school year).

NHS Hybrid Learning Model Goals:

- **Safety:** The hybrid model allows for social distancing during classes, lunch, and between periods. It also provides a cleaner and safer environment because fewer students will be in the space at any given time.
- **In-Class Instruction:** Peers will have regular face-to-face instruction with their Pros on campus twice per week—a vital component for your students’ learning.
- **Consistency:** Peers will be in school at the same time each week (no alternating “A/B” weeks, etc.), allowing your family to plan with confidence.
- **Flexibility:** In the event that NHS needs to close its campus due to COVID-19 exposure or official mandate, the hybrid model allows NHS to easily transition to 100% online learning—and, importantly, back again when appropriate.
- **Future-Focused:** If and when conditions allow, returning safely to a 100% in-person, on-campus model is always NEXT High School’s ultimate goal. We believe a Hybrid Learning Model is a strong bridge to that future goal.

NHS Hybrid Learning Model Details:

- **Mondays:** All Peers work from home; Details to follow. *May include: Short Synchronous Video Meetings and time to work independently.*
- **Tuesday–Friday:** Peers will alternate **on-campus** and **at-home attendance** based on a **cohort model**. Each period will be divided into two cohorts: “Blue” and “Gold.”
 - **“Blue” Cohort: Tuesday/Thursday @ NHS**
 - The **Blue** cohort will **meet at NHS** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - The **Blue** cohort will be **engaged in Asynchronous Learning** at home on Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - **“Gold” Cohort: Wednesdays and Fridays @ NHS.**
 - The **Gold** cohort will **meet at NHS** on Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - The **Gold** cohort will be **engaged in Asynchronous Learning** at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- All NHS **siblings or members of the same household** will be in **the same cohort** and will attend classes at NHS on the same days.

NHS Hybrid Learning Model Week-at-a-Glance:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Peers @ Home <i>Synchronous Learning</i>	Blue Cohort @ NHS	Gold Cohort @ NHS	Blue Cohort @ NHS	Gold Cohort @ NHS
	Gold Cohort @ Home <i>Asynchronous Learning</i>	Blue Cohort @ Home <i>Asynchronous Learning</i>	Gold Cohort @ Home <i>Asynchronous Learning</i>	Blue Cohort @ Home <i>Asynchronous Learning</i>

Quick Definitions

- **On-Campus Learning**—Classes meet in person at NHS with their designated cohort and in a classroom environment with their Pros.
- **Synchronous Learning**—Classes meet online at specified times in face-to-face virtual classrooms with their Pros and Peers.
- **Asynchronous Learning**—Peers work independently on work as assigned by the Pro, without a designated meeting time. Work should be completed by the due date indicated.

Finally—NEXT High School will have an **opt-in plan for Online-Only Instruction** for Peers whose parents/guardians feel their child(ren) needs to remain at home. Online-Only Instruction will also be available for Peers needing to self-quarantine or who are experiencing illness or symptoms.

We will be releasing more details, answering questions, and listening to our Peers, Parents, and Pros as we prepare for the 2020-21 school year:

- We will host **regular Town Hall meetings online**, beginning Thursday, June 18 @ 10:30am.
- Please **fill out this SURVEY** to help us make 2020-2021 awesome.
- If you have **further questions before the upcoming Town Hall meetings, please email them to Aubrii Spott** (aubrii.spott@nexthighschool.org) and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your commitment to your child’s learning, and your partnership with NEXT High School. We believe that 2020-21 is a year where we will truly thrive—together.

Sincerely,



Rick Schwartz | Principal, NEXT High School