

Frequently Asked Questions About Chromebooks

Did you have an opportunity to tell us about your Chromebook needs? If not, please complete the Arabia Mountain High School Chromebook Needs Assessment Form [Click here](#)

Need a Chromebook? Complete the 2020-2021 DCSD Chromebook User Agreement [Click Here](#)

DCSD Connectivity Survey [Click Here](#)

Frequently Asked Questions About DCSD Re-Entry Plan

What is the reopening model for DeKalb County School District?

Virtual/remote learning. The school board will reevaluate the instructional delivery model on the following dates: Sept. 14th, Oct. 19th, Nov. 9th, and Dec. 7th

When is the first day of school?

August 17th – this is an “early release day”. More information coming soon.

What is the calendar for the school year?

[https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/calendar/board-approved-calendar\(2020-2021\).pdf](https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/documents/calendar/board-approved-calendar(2020-2021).pdf)

Will students be required to wear certain attire during virtual learning?

Yes, though we are school that requires uniforms, uniforms will not be required for virtual learning. All students are required to wear appropriate attire that follows the district’s and school’s dress code policy. We are creating virtual learning etiquette that is conducive to a positive learning environment for all. Again, appropriate school attire will be required.

Which virtual learning platform will Arabia Mountain High School use, VERGE, Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom, or Zoom?

The learning platforms listed above will be used with VERGE being the primary platform. The teachers may use any of the platforms; however, if a teacher elects to use Google Classroom it should be embedded in the VERGE platform with a link to take students to Google Classroom. A *student instructional access form* will be shared by each teacher to help students and parents gain access to each platform that a teacher uses.

Will a schedule be provided for virtual learning?

Yes, all students are expected to attend live sessions for class as well as complete ALL assigned work during virtual learning. There is a set schedule that has been developed. Please see the schedule below.



Arabia Mountain High School (Students) 2020-2021

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast		Student Conferencing (Tutorials, Intervention Support, Small Group, etc.)	Breakfast	
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login			Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	
8:45 am – 9:00 am	School Pride, Announcements			School Pride, Announcements	
9:00 am – 9:35 am	Extended Learning Time			Extended Learning Time	
9:35 am – 10:20 am	Period 1	Period 2	Parent Conferencing Meetings (IEP, MTSS, 504, EL, etc.)	Period 1	Period 2
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login		Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Period 3	Period 4		Period 3	Period 4
11:15 am – 11:50 am	Lunch (OEC, WBL)	Lunch (OEC, WBL)		Lunch (OEC, WBL)	Lunch (OEC, WBL)
11:15 am – 11:35 am	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Professional Learning (Leaders, Teachers, Support Staff)	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login
11:35 am – 12:20 am	Period 5	Period 6		Period 5	Period 6
12:20 am – 12:55 pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
12:55 am – 1:05 pm	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login		Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login	Technology Check, Gather Materials and Login
1:05 pm – 1:50 pm	Period 7	Advisement/Study Hall	Instructional and Collaborative Planning	Period 7	Advisement/Study Hall

Live sessions will occur daily for the first 30 minutes of each class period.

Students must be ready for synchronous instruction as soon as class begins as indicated.

Will students receive virtual face-to-face instruction from teachers daily?

Yes, teachers are required to have a least 30 minutes of live instruction daily for each class. Students should attend the sessions as this is a critical component of the instructional process. Students and parents will receive instructions from teachers as well as have questions answered when they arise.

What if my child misses the virtual face-to-face instruction?

We are asking for each family to sign a Media Release form to allow us to record each lesson to make it available to students through a secure platform like VERGE. We will distribute the form electronically for your signature. We will also ask teachers to record their lessons in the event that a student misses the live sessions.

What video conferencing platform will Arabia Mountain High School use?

Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom, or Zoom will be used to access live sessions. Students will get a Teams link or a Zoom code from their teacher to access the live sessions. Arabia Mountain High School will create virtual/remote etiquette for students and teachers to follow while on video calls such as dressing appropriately during the call, using appropriate language while on the call, ensuring that the surrounding visible environment is appropriate for the call, etc.

Will all students receive Chromebooks?

Yes, we must issue Chromebooks for all Arabia Mountain High School students that NEED a device. Parents must complete a DCSD User Agreement form in order to receive a DCSD device. The district has ordered additional devices; however, they may not be available for all students on Day 1. Please be patient as we are waiting for the devices to be shipped. Let me reiterate that all AMHS students who need devices will receive one. We will begin distributing devices next week. Stay tuned for distribution dates and appointment times. This information will be placed on the website as well as sent as a calling post. Please make sure you complete the links above. Those links will also be placed on the website.

What online instructional resources will Arabia Mountain High School use? Will we have login and password information?

The teachers will produce a list of instructional platforms and resources that they will use for their classroom instruction. If the instructional platform needs a password, the teacher will also provide the password to access the platform each day before each class begins. **Students will also receive a student access form.**

When will students know who their teachers are?

Student schedules will be available via Infinite Campus on August 10th. At this time there will be no schedule changes unless a student is in the wrong class or instructional program. Schedule change forms will be available on the school's website. If you can't access your child's schedule, please email your child's counselor.

What forms of communication will be used at AMHS?

School Messenger (calling post and email blasts), Microsoft Teams, Verge, and Google Classroom will be the primary forms of communication. Teachers are not required to use their personal devices such as cell phones or home phones to contact parents. Teachers may set up a Google number to make parent phone calls or they may set up a meeting through Microsoft Teams.

How do I update my contact information for the 2020-2021 school year?

Parents and guardians can update information on the Arabia Mountain High school's website. The update form can be found under registration information.

Do I need to register my child for the 2020-2021 school year?

Students that are returning to Arabia Mountain High School do not need to register. Any students that are new to DeKalb County, will need to go through the registration process.

How is registration being done?

All students who have been accepted to Arabia Mountain High School have been registered for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions regarding registration, registration documents, or withdrawals, please visit the AMHS [Registration Site](#).

When is Open House?

We will have a virtual Open House the week of Aug. 10th. Arabia Mountain High School's Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020. A link to our Virtual Open House will be on our school's website. Details will be sent soon. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from administrators and department chairs and receive information about what to expect during the 2020-2021 school year. A calling post and email blast will be sent to notify parents and students as to how to access the Open House link.

