

Semester 2 Learning: Required Response

The 2020–2021 school year will be one to remember! We are already at the end of Quarter 1, and we appreciate the incredible amount of involvement and flexibility each of our students and families have demonstrated throughout the start of this school year. While there are always challenges in learning something new, a positive outcome we have observed is the increased communication and partnership with our families. Thank you for all of the support for learning!

As we head into Quarter 2, we are working to further increase opportunities for in-person learning and social experiences for our students. We are also using this time to plan for Semester 2, where we will provide 2 options for our families: Virtual or Blended Learning.

WHAT: *Virtual or Blended Learning Options*



- Please complete a response indicating virtual or blended model by **Friday, October 30**.
- The required response form is located at this link: http://bit.ly/SCS_Semester2
- If you have multiple children, please complete a response for each child.
- This form indicates the preferred learning format for **Semester 2** (beginning January 4, 2021).

DETAILS:

Because we are shifting to two models of instruction, the expectations for each model are slightly different. The chart provides a quick summary about what families may expect in each model:

Virtual Only	Blended (In-Person and Virtual)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive instruction at home. Students will participate in synchronous instruction (i.e. Zoom/Google Meet sessions with a teacher) at least 2 days per week. • Students will participate in independent work the remainder of the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will come to school for in-person instruction at least 2 days per week. • Students will participate in independent work the remainder of the week. • Mitigation strategies will be in place in schools, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Temperature checks ○ Face coverings (worn throughout the day with scheduled mask breaks) ○ Physical distancing (i.e. seating six feet apart) ○ Hand washing and sanitizing

At the elementary and middle school levels, our goal is for students to maintain the same teacher, to the extent possible. However, this decision is largely based on final numbers for scheduling. At the high school level, most students will be changing courses and teachers due to the semester transition.

NEXT STEPS:

- Your response **by October 30** is important because we will use that for scheduling for Semester 2.
- If changes are needed in responses, please notify the school no later than Friday, November 13, 2020.
- Once we have received responses from all families, we plan to send additional information about the instruction and safety expectations at each of the levels (elementary, middle, and high). We will also be providing specific details about schedules and transportation prior to the end of Semester 1.

Thank you in advance for your help with this planning process!