

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

Although The Bridges Academy remains temporarily closed, the school remains very much in operation. All teachers are working hard to ensure that student learning is continuing. All Middle School classes will take place online via Google Meet as regularly scheduled. Class instruction may also be recorded as deemed appropriate. Students should check their Bridges-provided Gmail accounts daily to find links to each class' online meeting for the day. It is important for students to check their email regularly because this will be their primary form of communication from their teachers as distance learning takes place.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEROOM will be meeting daily from 8:15-8:30am in conferences, sharing any announcements for the day and checking in on student well-being. Students will receive a daily meeting invitation, which will also appear on their Google Calendar.

Please refer to The Bridges Academy Portal at thebridgesacademy.myschoolapp.com to access pertinent information for each class. Students should also be checking Google Classroom for classwork and homework assignments.

FAQs *When will classes take place? All core classes will take place during their regularly scheduled time. Students should refer to their school schedule for those times and the order of their classes for the day. Please refer to The Bridges Academy Portal for more information, including the time and links for the Google Meets.

***How will classes take place?** Core classes will be conducted via Google Meet Hangout or pre-recorded for instruction with assignments to follow based on teacher direction.

****** Specialist classes such as music, foreign language and STEM will be posting daily assignments and activities within Google Classroom, but will not necessarily be following the regular schedule unless scheduled. Again students should be checking their email accounts and Google Calendar to see if they are meeting for a specials class. (e.g. <https://www.thebridgesacademy.net>, Google Classroom, etc).

***How will students know where to go?** Students can find the links for their Google Meets on both The Bridges Academy Portal and their Google Calendar.

***How long will classes be?** All classes will meet live for a minimum of 10-15 minutes on Google Meet. However, the Google Meet portion of their class will vary in length depending on what assignments and lessons the teacher has planned for that day.

***What should I do if my child can't make it to class?** Normal absence protocols should be followed. A parent or guardian should email the appropriate point person: the regular classroom instructor or Myrian.Touma@bridgesli.org if a student will be late or absent for any class, the lateness or absence will then be marked appropriately in BlackBaud. Unexcused or suspicious patterns of absence will be followed up on by Ms. Touma or school administration.

***Will my child be penalized if they are late to class due to technical difficulties?** If students are having trouble with the video conference, then they should connect via audio conference or phone. This information will be available in the calendar invitation in their email. Students should also communicate with their teachers about any technology problems they may encounter so a solution can be found. Students can also contact our distance learning coordinator Jean Strobel at jean.strobel@bridgesli.org.

***What if my child has trouble accessing the Google Meet or other means of assignment distribution?** Your child should contact the classroom teacher directly for Google Meet issues.