

Kuna High School 1st Semester Teaching and Learning Update

Welcome to the 2020/21 School year. We want to start with making our message clear that above and beyond during these unpredictable and unprecedented times we are in, we are excited to teach your sons and daughters. We are very proud of the work we have done to make KHS teaching and learning safe, available, and flexible this first semester. We promise to communicate often so that you and your children are aware of what we are doing and what new information we have.

The intent of this communication is to explain when and how school will be starting Monday, August 31st, describe the different types of learning we are utilizing this first semester, and give the how and who to communicate with if you need to make changes with your student's 1st semester schedule.

Last night at the August School Board meeting, it was approved to move the 1st day of school for students to **Monday, August 31st.** This move will allow more training, preparation, professional development, and lesson planning for our 1st Semester Hybrid Compressed Schedule.

This school year we will be using many new terms to explain the different types of learning we will be utilizing at KHS: Hybrid Schedule, Compressed Schedule, In-person Learning, Distance or Remote learning, E- Learning or Electronic Learning, Online or Virtual Learning and Blended Learning. Understanding the difference between these terms will definitely help with the why and the what we are doing.

Hybrid Schedule:

- Students will attend school **In-person** by an alphabetical designation either (A-L) Monday-Wednesday or (M-Z) Tuesday-Thursday.
- Students will participate in **Distance Learning** on the opposite day of their In-person day.
- Students will attend school **Electronically** Friday based on the E-day schedule shared in their classes the first week of school.
- This hybrid Schedule is in place through the month of September.
- This will be reviewed monthly by District Administration with the School Board at the KSD School Board meeting based on our District Health Agency information and recommendations.

Compressed Schedule:

- Students and teachers will be in only their A day (1st-4th period) classes for first quarter (8/31-10/30).
- Students and teachers will be in their B day (5th-8th period) classes for second quarter (11/2-1/21).
- This Compressed Schedule will be in place for the entire semester.

In-Person Learning:

- Students will be attending classes at KHS in their classroom with their teacher.
- The Hybrid Schedule will be by alphabetical designation either (A-L) Monday-Wednesday or (M-Z) Tuesday-Thursday.
- If there is a holiday or day off from school the In-Person Day will be changed and the schedule will be updated. Parents will be given a Hybrid Calendar Monthly for a visual.

Distance Learning or Remote Learning:

- These terms are being used interchangeably within KSD.
- Students will participate in Distance Learning on Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday the opposite of their not In-Person learning days.
- The learning will be new learning and will be directly connected to the teaching that happened during their prior In-person learning day.
- This learning most often will be connected to Schoology.

Electronic Learning or E-learning

- Students will attend school Electronically Friday.

- If there is a holiday or day off from school the Electronic Day will be cancelled and the schedule will be updated. Parents will be given a Hybrid Calendar Monthly for a visual.
- There will be a set E-day schedule shared in the students' classes the first week of school.
- All E-day lessons will be recorded and emailed to students for review or if the lesson needed to be missed.

Online Learning or Virtual learning:

- These terms are being used interchangeably within KSD.
- KSD is offering an Online Learning experience in place of attending KHS.
- Kuna High School's Online Learning experience will entail our KHS counselors enrolling students in classes with IDLA (Idaho Digital Learning Academy).
- Enrollment in this Online Learning experience was done this summer with an August 3rd deadline.
- If you signed up for this and would like to return to KHS for your learning experience please email the appropriate counselor or administrator listed below in this letter.
- If you signed up for this but wanted more of a **Blended Learning** experience with some KHS classes mixed with Online learning please email the appropriate counselor or administrator listed below in this letter.
- If you have any questions or interest we have to do a waiting list at this time so we can first accommodate the parents and students that signed up this summer.

Blended Learning

- Blended Learning would be a mixture of classes on a student schedule between our **Hybrid Schedule** and **Online Learning** classes.
- This learning experience may be what most of our Online Learning registered students and parents wanted.
- This experience would be very possible; communicate with your appropriate counselor by email with your wants/needs.
- IDLA will still be utilized for any Online classes.
- An example of Blended Learning schedule with morning off campus and afternoon at KHS 1st quarter schedule could be:
 - 1st period IDLA ELA 4A
 - 2nd period OCI
 - 3rd period KHS Band
 - 4th period KHS DC Government

Communication, more than ever, will be important to have a successful school year. Listed below is our Administration and Counselors with their assignments. You can also call KHS and be connected to us or voicemail as well (208-955-0201).

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