

STEVENSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FAQ

Technology Questions:

1. What are the times and dates for the technology distribution?

Answer: The times for the Stevenson technology distribution are as follows:

6th grade: August 31st from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

7th grade: September 1st: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

8th grade: September 2nd: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

2. Do we have to fill out an application when we go pick up a chrome book?

Answer: No application is required to check out technology. However, students and parents will be required to sign a Technology Loan Agreement form. The technology distribution will be done exactly how it was done during the previous Spring semester. Parents will drive up to one of several stations where they will be handed a technology form to complete. Upon completion of the form, a chrome book will be given.

3. Will hotspots be available for pickup during the technology distribution dates?

Answer: Yes, Stevenson will also be handing out hotspots for those households in need of one. We have a limited supply of hotspots, so they will be given on a first come first serve basis. The district is currently working to acquiring more hotspots. If Stevenson receives additional hotspots, communication will be sent out to parent.

4. What if I already have my own laptop, do I have to use the school's Chrome Books?

Answer: No, if your child already has access to their own personal laptop, they do not have to use one of the school chrome books.

5. Can my child use a tablet or cell phone to complete work?

Answer: While MS Teams, The Hub, and other HISD digital resources can be accessed through a cell phone or tablet, it is preferred for maximum learning, that students use a laptop or desktop.

Dress Code and School Supply Questions:

6. Do students have to wear uniforms this school year?

Answer: Students do not have to wear the Stevenson MS uniforms for to 20-21 school. Students are still required to be appropriately dressed in virtual and upon return to in person instruction. Students are prohibited from wearing anything with drug or gang-related images/symbols. For full information regarding the dress code, please refer to the Stevenson Student Handbook located on the Stevenson MS website.

7. Can students still purchase Stevenson uniforms and what are the uniform colors?

Answer: Yes, uniform purchases can be made on the same days as technology pick up (August 31st – September 2nd). 6th graders wear red Stevenson t-shirts or plain red crew-neck t-shirts. 7th graders wear royal blue Stevenson t-shirts or plain royal blue crew-neck t-shirts. 8th graders wear black Stevenson t-shirts or plain black crew-neck t-shirts. For a more detail information on Stevenson school uniforms, please refer to the Stevenson Student Handbook located on the Stevenson MS website.

8. How much do uniform shirts cost?

Answer: Stevenson shirts are ten dollars (\$10) per shirt.

9. How will my student know what supplies they will need for school?

Answer: A general supply list for each grade-level will be posted on the Stevenson MS website. Also, supply bags will be given out on each day of the technology distribution (August 31st – September 2nd).

10. Will the students who will learn at home all the time, need supplies?

Answer: Yes, all students whether virtual or in person will need to obtain the supplies listed for each grade-level on the Stevenson MS website.

11. What is the backpack policy at Stevenson?

Answer: Students are permitted to bring a clear or mesh backpack to school each day. Students may bring a small purse that can be no larger than a composition journal. For additional information on backpacks and purses, please refer to the Stevenson Student Handbook.

12. Once students return to in person instruction, can they share school supplies?

Answer: No, due to the COVID-19 outbreak students and staff will not be permitted to share school supplies with each other.

Virtual Instruction Questions:

13. How will my child know who their teachers are for the upcoming school year?

Answer: Students/parents will be contacted through students' HISD email accounts with a code on how to access HISD Connect (Power School) to obtain class schedule information.

14. Is there going to be one centralized portal where students can submit their class/homework assignments?

Answer: Yes, all assignments will be given and collect through the HUB platform. Direct teacher instruction will be done using MS Teams.

15. Will students have homework while working virtually?

Answer: No, but students will have time during asynchronous time and in the evening to complete daily assignments from their content teachers.

16. Is there a time/deadline by when the work needs to be completed?

Answer: Yes, assignments need to be submitted in the HUB by 11:59 PM daily. When unable to submit via the HUB, students can submit assignments via teacher emails, photos, phone conferences, or other forms of documentation.

17. What is the virtual attendance policy for students?

Answer: To be considered "present" and not be marked absent, students must meet one or more of the following daily learning requirements:

- Participate in the HUB and complete independent reading or work assignments.
- Interact with teacher virtually via Teams as part of live or small group instruction.
- Complete and submit assignments via the HUB. When unable to submit via the HUB, students can submit assignments via emails, photos, phone conferences, or other forms of documentation.

Students who have not met at least one of these requirements by the times listed below will be marked absent.

- Elementary Schools - 2:30 p.m.
- Middle & K-8 Schools – 3:30 p.m.
- High Schools – 3:30 p.m.

The absence can be resolved if the student completes one of the three requirements by 11:59 p.m. on that same day.

18. Will my student have access to textbooks virtually?

Answer: Yes, all HISD approved secondary textbooks are located under the digital resource section of the HUB.

19. What will happen to students if their teacher is unavailable virtually?

Answer: Stevenson will have designated staff members available to cover classes should a teacher be unavailable virtually.

20. What happens if my child needs to leave early from virtual, i.e. they have a doctor's appointment?

Answer: Teachers will record their lessons daily for students who are unable to make it to live sessions. Students will also have until 11:59 PM to complete their classwork for the day and submit it through the HUB.

Return to In Person Instruction Questions:

21. Are kids going to be wearing face masks?

Answer: All students, staff, and visitors to Stevenson MS, must always wear a face mask while on campus grounds. Masks will be provided to students, employees, and visitors if they do not have one. Acceptable masks include both district-issued and personal masks, including face shields, disposable masks, homemade masks, handkerchiefs, and scarves. **Bandanas are not allowed.** Personal reusable masks must meet Code of Student Conduct requirements and not be inappropriate or derogatory in nature.

22. What is the protocol for a possible exposure to COVID 19, if my child does return to school?

Answer: Isolation areas will be established for students and adults who experience COVID-19 symptoms while at school. These isolation rooms will always be supervised, always stocked with masks and hand sanitizer, and thoroughly cleaned each day. Areas or buildings where the student or employee was present will be closed for cleaning and disinfection in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. Impacted staff, students, and parents will be notified of any closures and/or possible exposures.

23. Once students go back to in person instruction how many students per class will there be?

Answer: Classrooms will be reconfigured to ensure at least 6 feet of space between desks, and students and staff must always maintain 6 feet of distance from each other throughout the day. Students may have staggered schedules and alternate between in-person and virtual learning to accommodate physical distancing. At Stevenson, we will have roughly ten students in a classroom depending on the size of the room.

24. Are the students going to switch classes or are the teachers going to switch when Stevenson returns to in person instruction?

Answer: For the safety of students and staff and to minimize the possible spread of COVID-19, student will be in cohorts and will stay with the same group of students all

day. Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classrooms and content teachers will move from classroom to classroom to provide instruction to students.

General Questions:

25. What is Dragon time?

Answer: Dragon time is block of time built into the Stevenson Master Schedule virtually and for in person instruction. Initially, the time will be spent teaching students how to navigate the different digital resources provided by the district as well basic computer applications such as MS Word and MS PowerPoint. The time will also be used to conduct social & emotional check-ins and interventions. Eventually, as the school year progresses, the time will also be used for students to engage in a research project that will allow them acquire knowledge in various forms.

26. What is Asynchronous and Synchronous time?

Answer: Asynchronous Learning: Students complete assignments independently without the teacher. **Synchronous Learning:** Students engage in learning with the teacher and their peers.

27. How will I receive communication regarding school closures and school events such as (Coffee with the Principal and Open House)?

Answer: All information regarding district changes, school closures, & various school events will be posted on the Stevenson MS website and parents will also receive callouts.