

TAOS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your hard work and dedication to your children. I understand this is a very difficult time due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and its impact on our nation, state and community. TMS staff understands the challenges many of you are facing at home while your child/children are participating in 100% remote learning.

After reviewing information obtained from TMS students/parents/teachers, students' progress/grades, as well as student attendance in live sessions, we are certain many of our students are seriously struggling with remote learning. In an effort to minimize the challenges students are facing with remote learning, TMS staff has decided to make a change to student's daily schedules as we continue with online learning into the third nine weeks.

By abbreviating student class schedules, the hope is to increase attendance in their required live sessions and improve academic progress. In this model, students will have the opportunity to meet with the same teacher every day, have assignments clarified, connect with other students and participate in meaningful instruction.

We can assure parents and guardians, the grade level curriculum will be covered, as well as meeting all requirements set forth by NMPED, in regard to contact time with students.

The nine weeks will be divided up into 2 four-week grading periods.

**First four weeks (January 5th- February 5th) are periods 1, 3, 5, 7,
Monday thru Thursday. Advisory on Fridays**

**Second four weeks (February 8th-March 12th) periods 2, 4, 6, 8,
Monday thru Thursday. Advisory on Fridays**

Students will continue to have live sessions Mon-Thurs & Advisory sessions on Fridays. Students should attend their live sessions daily in order to meet the attendance requirements set forth by NMPED.

In making this change, we strongly believe as a staff, that overall student learning will improve, class participation and performance will increase, and stress levels for both students and their parents/guardians will decrease.

Students will follow this schedule for the 4th nine weeks, whether we continue with 100% remote learning or phase into hybrid learning.

Attached is the 3rd nine-week calendar and the daily schedule.

Sincerely,

Alfred Cordova
Principal- Taos Middle School