



August 26, 2020

RE: Class Schedules, Bus transportation, Same Family Cohorts, Cohort C Enrollment, Internet Hotspot Requests

Dear Families and Students,

The start of the school year is quickly approaching, and we have been working hard to ensure a positive learning experience for all of our students this year. This morning, we released information about our Hybrid Learning Model. As indicated in that document, this letter and survey is to provide you with specific information relating to the reopening of classes on September 1st.

In the survey (link provided below), you will have the opportunity to choose the Learning Model that is best for your student and your family, and you will be asked to provide information about the student(s) in your home who will attend MCI this year, his/her transportation needs, and submit an internet hotspot request.

MCI recommends that students attend the hybrid model (Cohort A/B), which provides them with in-person instruction, interaction, and engagement with their teachers, academic counselors, and peers, and which has been shown to be most beneficial for academic gains in learning. However, we understand that some students and/or their families have special medical circumstances that may limit or prohibit their in-person attendance. Therefore, parents/guardians may choose to enroll their student(s) in fully remote learning for the Fall semester (Cohort C).

Families opting for fully remote instruction will be committed to this model for the duration of the Fall semester, unless there are extenuating circumstances that require a change. Those cases will be heard on an individual basis and will be decided by the Head of School and Dean of Academics. We ask that you to read and carefully consider our Hybrid Learning Model and all of the safety precautions we are implementing at school to keep your child safe before deciding on the fully remote option this semester. In January, families may choose to change their enrollment option for the Spring semester, if they desire.

Starting today, your student is able to view his/her class schedule in Powerschool. Please be aware that we are still making scheduling adjustments and what you see today *may still change*. Due to the nature of this year's remote learning and the challenges this may present for some students, we are relaxing our policy on study halls. Students may have NO MORE than two (2) study halls in their class schedules. We are also asking that students refrain from taking eight (8) academic classes. If your student sees an error in his/her class schedule or if your student is enrolled in a class for which he/she did not request, please contact his/her academic counselor to consider a schedule change. We will have a period of Add/Drop after school begins; however, we hope to alleviate most of those schedule changes after school by taking action now.

Please complete this survey by Sunday, August 30th, at 6:00 PM: [MCI Hybrid Learning Model Form](#). Failure to complete the survey will result in your student defaulting to Hybrid Learning Cohort A/B, and it will be presumed that your student will not need bus transportation or hotspot devices.

If you have difficulties accessing Powerschool, please contact Donna Cray at dcray@mci-school.org.

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