

Freshmen Family Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Calendar and Home High School

- We follow the Pasco School District calendar. The calendar for the upcoming year is not approved at this time but will be posted on the PSD and Delta websites when available.
- Our program works within the public school systems for Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland. Delta is a full-time high school program with significant opportunities to earn college credit.
- Your Home High School and District of Residence are very important to know and understand how this affects being a Delta student. If you move at any time while attending Delta, you will need to notify the office so that your information can be updated with the districts and high schools involved. This must be done as soon as you have changed addresses.
- You will not lose your place at Delta if you move, but your home high school and district must have current information about your address AND it can affect requirements needed by your district for graduation if you change school districts.

Schedules

- We have a rotating Bell Schedule. You will normally see each teacher about 4 times per week, except for Advisory, which is 2 times per week.
- If there are any changes made to the Regular Bell Schedule, the schedule is posted on Teams. (And we have lots of changes to keep things interesting!) ☺
- Schedules for Freshmen students are preset with core subjects: Science, Technology/Engineering, Math, and Humanities (English and History). Sophomore year is the same. There are elective blocks starting Junior year.
- Art credits and Financial Literacy are embedded into other content areas.
- Physical Education is an independent study course, which is optional. 0.5 credits can be earned each year by completing an Activity Log and turning into the office by the end of the year. Students at Delta all four years may also have the PE requirement waived by their school district. (But students look more well-rounded on their transcripts if they have PE credit, so it is encouraged.)

Transportation

- In the mornings, your student will take their regular bus to school and then transfer to the Delta Shuttle School Bus. They arrive to Delta at around 8:00 a.m. School starts at 8:30 a.m.
- In the afternoon, students will take the Delta Shuttle directly to the bus stop where they were picked up (near their home), except on Wednesdays. Students will take the Delta Shuttle to Home High School and then transfer to their regular bus to go home.
- If you move at any time while attending Delta, it will take 3 days from notifying the district and home high school before a new bus stop can be started. Please notify Delta Office and they will communicate with home high school and district transportation.

Supplies

- Your student will be issued a laptop, which they will keep for the 4 years at Delta. They are encouraged to use their laptop to take notes and keep their calendars. A laptop will be issued when students pick up schedules in August. The Protection Plan is \$20 or \$10 for free/reduced students. This plan is *highly* encouraged, as accidents do occur.
- Students are encouraged to dress up occasionally for presentations, guests on campus and for other various events. If assistance is needed to attain professional clothing, the Delta/Framatome Career Closet is available. Please see Mrs. Hoppe for anything the student needs.

Attendance

- Please call if your student is absent. We appreciate a call or email in the morning, or as early as possible. If you know that your student will be absent in the future, they can fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Form and submit it before the absence occurs.
- Students must be signed in if late and signed out if leaving early. A parent, guardian, or designated Emergency Contact can sign in/out a student. **Students will not be released to anyone else.** If your student has an appointment in the morning, they can get an appointment note from any doctor, dentist, or other health care provider. They can sign in with this and a phone call from parent/guardian to excuse the tardiness/absence.
- We follow Pasco School District calendar for holidays, professional days and snow days. If your student is from KSD or RSD, they will be notified of delays or cancelations through Teams, Remind, the Delta website, Delta Facebook, or PSD website.

Family Involvement/PoDS (Parents of Delta Students)

- PoDS holds meetings once a month. Please fill out the form (www.thedeltahighschool.com/school/pods) if you are interested in receiving information from our parent group. We love our involved Delta parents!
- Delta High School has its own PowerSchool portal, which is not accessed through your student's school district PowerSchool. You will be given a letter with PowerSchool login and password information during the first few weeks of school.
- Teams is how school work is managed. Parents are encouraged to use Teams to monitor school work and assignments, as well as contacting teachers with concerns. You will need your student to log in to access Teams information.
- SchoolPay is used for Nutrition Services. Please pick up an instruction sheet for creating and loading your student's meal account. SchoolPay accounts may be activated in late August.
- For Free/Reduced Meal Plans, you will need to fill out a **Pasco School District form**, regardless of your home school district. Your Delta student will have a separate meal account from any siblings in your home district, due to our PowerSchool being separate.