



Dodgeville Middle School Virtual Learning Guide

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! You may be considered a virtual student but I see you as a Dodger from Home! Your school day, although not in person, will be very similar to your grade level peers that are in the building. This guide will assist you and your parents with questions you might have now and as a resource for the future as the year progresses. Mrs. Beach shared with me that we are all on the same journey (education) but we are not on the same boat (In - person or Virtual) so welcome to the journey on the boat that you call home! On your journey, you will have the opportunity to meet daily with your grade level “Core” teachers as well as other staff from DMS through their Google Classrooms for which you will be invited to join. On your schedule you will see that all of your “Core” classes and many of your encore classes will be face to face with your teachers. Since we are in school and not in an emergency health crisis like in March, all the school rules apply starting Tuesday, September 1st. I will explain those in the next section.

Welcome aboard DMS students! May the waves be gentle and the wind at your backs for a successful ride through this school year.

Mrs. Sally Baxter, DMS Principal

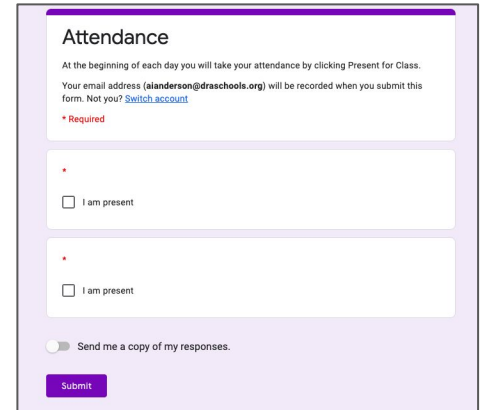
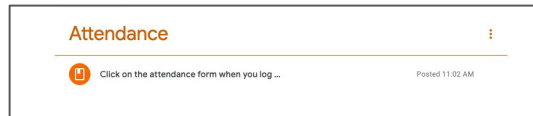
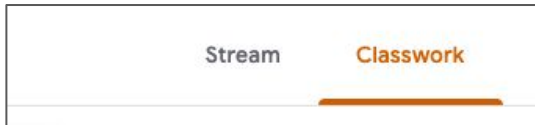
What will virtual learning look like?

Starting Time: Virtual School Starts Daily at 8:38 a.m to align with teacher’s 2nd hour schedules.

Ending time: That depends on you. The official school day will end at 3:25 but you and your family have the opportunity to receive assistance until early evening. Virtual Teaches have been assigned to grades 5-8. You will get to meet them later in this guide and learn all about what they can do for you.

Attendance: You will be asked to mark your attendance in every Google Classroom that you enter during the day. It will be in the Classwork tab and you will check yourself as “Present”. If you are ill and cannot attend school, your parent/guardian will need to call school and let us know. The number is 935-3307 EXT. 3000 or 3001.

Delays & Closures: Virtual student schedules will align with in-person schedules. Check the [handbook](#) for further details.



Google Classrooms

All Google Classrooms will have a similar set-up to make it easy for you to navigate when you are going from one classroom to another. You will receive emails inviting you to sign up for these classrooms.

Each student will have:

Virtual ELA (Language Arts)

Virtual Math

Virtual Science

Virtual Social Studies (or History)

Virtual Support Classroom (5th & 6th/7th & 8th)

Virtual ENCORE Classrooms (Health, Physical Education, Art)

**Some students will have Virtual Spanish, Choir, and Band



What do I need for virtual learning?

- ChromeBook
- Headphones will help
- Any materials from your teachers, like textbooks, workbooks, packets
- A place to do your school work
- A can-do attitude!
- You may need specific supplies - please check the [list](#).
- You likely already have many items at home.



Virtual Learning Expectations

Students

- **Check Google Classroom daily**
- **Fill out attendance for each class**
- **Turn in work on time**
- Dedicate 4-5 hours to school each day
- Ask questions when help is needed
- Inform the teacher and parent if there are technology issues
- Do your best each day!
- Only use school-appropriate technology.
Cell phone usage during class time is not permitted.

Families

- **Check to ensure your child is logging in and doing work.**
- Make sure your child has a place where they can work.
- Have a home schedule that will work for your family.
- Communicate with the teacher if help is needed.
- Communicate technology issues.
- Be able to support your child - you should expect 4-5 hours of school work per day.

Other Virtual Learning Expectations

Other expectations are just like when we're in school in person.

For a reminder of school policies, please refer to the

[Dodgeville Middle School Handbook](#)

- Clothing expectations remain the same, including ensuring that your clothing covers your body, does not reveal underwear, and does not contain inappropriate images or words.
- If you are learning virtually from a place that requires face masks, you are expected to follow those rules and wear the appropriate face masks.
- If you need technical assistance you can ask a teacher for help or enter a [Tech Ticket](#).

School counseling

Trouble with friends? Not doing so well in school?
Problems that create worry? Does any of this sound like something that might be going on? If so, the counselor is available to talk with students and it's confidential. Parents/guardians may also contact the counselor to discuss issues relating to their students. Teachers often talk to the counselor when they have a concern about a student.

To contact Mrs. Beach you can use her Virtual Classroom!

Each of your Google Classrooms will have a link to Mrs. Beach's Virtual Classroom in their Classwork tab under Resources.

Or, you can access Mrs. Beach's Classroom by clicking on the image in this document.



Meet Your Virtual Support Teachers!!!

5th & 6th Grade

Ms. Alexandra Moritz

amoritz@draschools.org

Ms. Moritz has been a substitute teacher in the Dodgeville School District for the past year. Students will likely recognize her!

[Video intro with Ms. Moritz](#)



7th & 8th Grade

Ms. Ainsley Anderson

aianderson@draschools.org

Ms. Anderson also teaches 8th Grade U.S. History at Dodgeville Middle School.

[Video tour of Ms. Anderson's Virtual Classroom](#)



How do virtual students get help with school work?

There are a number of ways to connect for help!

1. During your class virtual class time, you can ask your teacher questions.
2. You can make a comment or ask a question in your assignment and your teacher will answer it.
3. You can send a Google Hangouts message to Ms. Moritz or Ms. Anderson and they will schedule a Google Meet to help you!
4. You can send Ms. Moritz or Ms. Anderson a question in the 5th/6th or 7th/8th Google Classroom and they will connect with you.

Welcome to Ms. Anderson's
Virtual Middle School Classroom!

7th

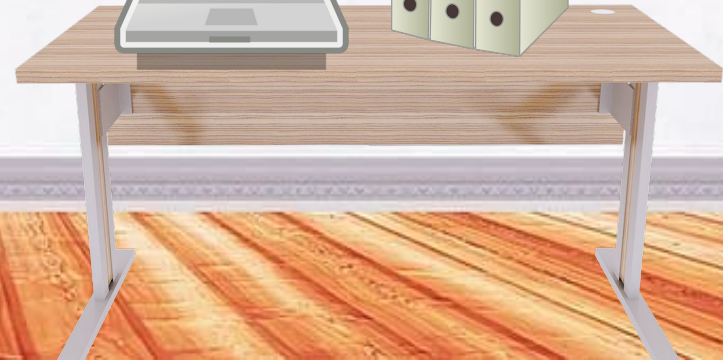
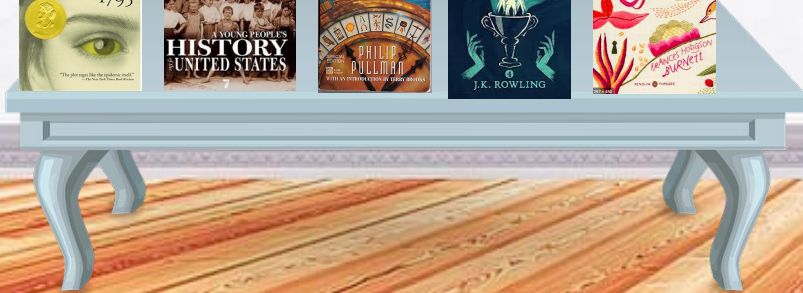
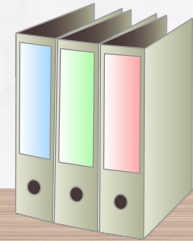
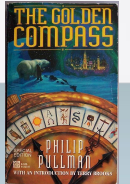
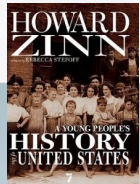
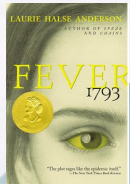


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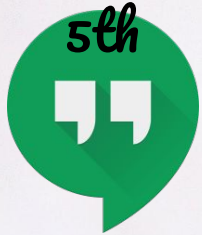
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5:30-7:00 pm



Welcome to Ms. Moritz's
Virtual Middle School Classroom!



How we work together....

DMS C.A.R.E.S

Students are, without a doubt, the top priority of the staff at Dodgeville Middle School. We are here to provide the best education possible. A responsibility that we consider fundamental is helping students attain valuable life skills.

Students are taught that DMS C.A.R.E.S. This is a set of behavior expectations for all areas of the school - classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, restrooms - that are expected from all students. Students are taught these expectations and there are frequent lessons to reinforce these skills. This helps all students focus on their learning and it improves the climate and culture in our school.

Our DMS Agreements:

- ❖ **C**onscientious in our work.
- ❖ **A**ppropriate in our actions.
- ❖ **R**esourceful in our learning.
- ❖ **E**mpathetic to everyone.
- ❖ **S**afe at all times.