Masada's Hybrid Model for Distant Learning

A hybrid model for distant learning is where students attend school on-site for a portion of the time and attend school at home for a portion of the time. Our contingency plan is a hybrid model. All students will still be in seats in school every day. However, they will be attending in small groups. Each homeroom class will be divided into three groups. Each group will attend school on-site for 1 ½ hrs. on M,T,W,TH as specified on the student schedule. Teachers will take attendance in these sessions. **Students are required to attend these in-person sessions**. The teacher's instruction will be important and necessary to enable students to complete the assignments. Some assignments can be completed at school. The remainder will need to be completed at home.

Teachers will design content within a digital classroom where students can access articles, videos, and other resources designed to develop understanding. Students can submit their work electronically to the teachers.

Parents can maintain regular contact with teachers through the gradebook. They can track student assignment completion, attendance, and grades, as well as receive emails from the teacher. Parents can also contact teachers by phone. If a student needs to miss their scheduled time due to an appointment, parents can request teachers to allow students to come in-person at another time during the day in order to not be marked absent. This in-person attendance is critical for our attendance reporting to the state and the basis of our funding.

Support staff will maintain an open help desk for the specific purpose of guiding and helping kids through assignment completion and submission. They are available for students to call with any questions. This help desk will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., for each home room. Parents can expect a call from the support staff/teacher if students are not completing work.

All teachers will open a ZOOM classroom from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. on M,T,W,TH and be available to give one-to-one instruction to kids on specific concepts as they need it.

On Fridays, teachers will open a ZOOM classroom at 9:00 A.M. and take attendance. Teachers will give instruction and then the support staff at the help desk will be available through ZOOM to help students through the work until 12:30.

We know that parents are busy and that families have many things going on at any given time. We will work diligently to group kids in a way that supports family life, so they don't have various kids heading out the door at all times during the day. Students are required to attend school during their scheduled time. We are responsible to the state to ensure student attendance as specified in our plan. We ask parents to please call the office any time a student is sick or needs to be absent.

It is essential that all students have an opportunity to learn in a safe environment. For any parents who are not able to provide a safe place for their children to work at home and be supervised, **Masada will provide a place and supervision for** these students during the school day. If you need this support it is important that you call Masada's office and make arrangements.

The following table ls an example and lists the attendance requirements for kids.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday
9:00 Small Group	Johnny, Oliver, Sammy, etc. On-site in classroom	Johnny, Oliver, Sammy, etc. On-site in classroom	Johnny, Oliver, Sammy, etc. On-site in classroom	Johnny, Oliver, Sammy, etc. On-site in classroom	9:00	ZOOM Classroom All students logged in. Teacher transitions students to working independently with support through help desk
10:30 Small Group	Mellissa, Jane, Jack, Henry On-site and in classrooms	Mellissa, Jane, Jack, Henry On-site and in classrooms	Mellissa, Jane, Jack, Henry On-site and in classrooms	Mellissa, Jane, Jack, Henry On-site and in classrooms		
1:00 Small Group	Judy, Mary, David, Randall On-site and in classrooms	Judy, Mary, David, Randall On-site and in classrooms	Judy, Mary, David, Randall On-site and in classrooms	Judy, Mary, David, Randall On-site and in classrooms	12:30	School Out
2:30-4:00 ZOOM	Teachers open a ZOOM classroom for specific instructional needs					

For any students who need additional intervention, schedules may look different. They may need to stay on-site longer and/or have additional ZOOM schedules.

We feel it is critical that students have personal interaction with their teachers every day. This hybrid model gives kids this access while preventing the spread of COVID.

The details of our Distant Learning Plan that has been submitted to the state and are posted on Masada's website at www.masadaschool.org under the **Parent** link. Our mitigation plan is also posted in this same place.

In the event that we have to activate our contingency plan, all students will need a technology device. Masada has devices available for you to checkout. Or, you may want to buy your own device. If you would like to buy your own devices, we have listed the computer specifications below that are needed.

Specifications for Home Computers
Masada will have these available for check out. This list is **only** if you would like to purchase your own.

The computer **for 3rd through 9th** grade students computer should:
1. be less than 2 years old.
2. contain an Intel Core i5 (or other equally capable) processor.
3. have a Solid State Drive (SSD) with no less than 128 GB of storage capacity.
4. be Bluetooth capable to allow wireless headphone use (or have a headphone jack).
5. be 802.11ac WiFi capable (or Ethernet if not WiFi capable).
6. have a keyboard & mouse (or track pad).
7. USB 2.0 or 3.0 Port for connection to thumb drives.
8. **we DO NOT recommend a Google Chrome Book-They are garbage**

Students in **Kindergarten through 2nd** could use a computer as specified above or a tablet that is:

Samsung A8 (or newer) tablet **or** Apple iPad Air 2 (or newer) **or** a comparable tablet.
 the following capabilities:
1. Able to stream video.
2. Wifi enabled.
3. 2 GB (or more) of Random Access Memory (RAM).
4. 32 GB (or more) of Internal Memory (storage).
5. Bluetooth enabled.
6. 8 (or more) hours of battery life.
7. Screen size greater than 7 inches.