



February 9, 2021

Families and Students in grades 7-12:

Last night, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Northview Board of Education approved our monthly COVID-19 Learning Plan. Our Board of Education reviews these learning plans every month. What is notable about this month's approved plan is that it includes a change to our in-person learning schedule for students in grades 7-12. We want to highlight this change for you and give you time to prepare for the adjustment.

Last week, during our weekly meetings with the Kent County Health Department (KCHD), we received positive news. After working through the [Risk of COVID Transmission in Schools: A Framework for Public Health Recommendations](#) document, the health department informed us that we could begin planning to combine the in-person cohorts in grades 7-12.

Beginning **February 22 for students in grades 7-8**, and beginning **March 1 for students in grades 9-12**, all students who participate in our red/white cohorts will begin attending school in-person four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Daily schedules, including start and end times, class periods, etc. will remain the same and Wednesdays will remain a virtual learning day for *all* Northview students. This schedule change assumes that the community positivity rates and cases per 100,000 remain at or below where they are currently at. We will continue to monitor this information and work alongside the KCHD in the event that numbers begin to rise again.

We know that you may have questions about this upcoming schedule change. Below is a brief FAQ that is intended to answer some of your immediate questions. Additionally, building principals will communicate with all families later today with additional information on specific plans to return from cohorts.

Combining cohorts brings us one step closer to providing the learning opportunities and experiences to our students that we have been waiting for. We thank you for your patience and partnership.

Thank you,

Scott Korpak, EdD  
Superintendent  
Northview Public Schools

**I understand that students in grades 7-8 will begin attending school four days per week on February 22 and that students in grades 9-12 will begin attending school four days per week on March 1. Why the different start weeks?**

There are several reasons why these dates were selected:

1. Northview's commitment to students, families and staff is to follow the directions of our community health experts. Merging cohorts is a continuation of this commitment.
2. Starting at Crossroads one week before the High School allows for a tiered implementation. There are operational adjustments that need to be made in each building and throughout the district to ensure a smooth transition.
3. The High School has more students and a more complicated schedule that includes Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual enrollment and KCTC. An additional week to prepare for shifts in this complex schedule is needed for our counseling and administrative staff.
4. Starting near the end of the third marking period should help provide a smoother start to the fourth marking period.

**My student is a Northview Virtual student. Does this schedule change impact him/her?**

No. Virtual students will continue to participate in their virtual classes as normal. This schedule change is only pertinent for those students who are in the red/white in-person cohorts.

**My student is currently in the (red/white) cohort and will now be expected to return to in-person learning four days per week? This presents a problem for me and I have concerns. Who should I contact?**

If you have a scheduling challenge, or are otherwise concerned about your student attending school in-person four days per week, please contact your school administration using the form linked below:

[LINK TO FORM](#)

**I understand that my student will begin attending in-person school four days per week on either February 22 or March 1 (depending on grade level). What about Wednesdays?**

Wednesdays will remain as virtual learning days for all Northview students.

**I have another question that wasn't addressed here. Who do I contact?**

Buildings teams are actively working on schedules, plans and logistics for our return from cohorts. Please be patient as they work with staff across all departments to finalize information. Principals will be sharing out more specific building information beginning later this afternoon.