

Frequently Asked Question regarding in-person hybrid instruction at O’Neill:

How will instruction work during hybrid?

Students who are learning remotely will be taught simultaneously with students who are in person. Teachers will use a variety of strategies to accomplish this, sometimes teaching everyone on the computer at the same time and at other times working with individual students in the classroom while remote students are working independently on assignments and then asking the teacher questions or having conversations as necessary. Students will interact in groups in break-out rooms, hold conferences with teachers both in person and online, etc.

Will the students in the building be required to have on headsets and look at the computer?

Students will be provided with headsets that they will use to cancel out surrounding noise and will be looking at the computer or the Smart TV at the front of the room. There will be activities that the students complete through their chromebooks and others that will happen through more hands-on activities.

Will the teachers be teaching the class, or sitting at a desk and teaching into the computer?

As teachers have shown for the first marking period, these are not mutually exclusive activities. Teachers will be interacting with students in a variety of ways, some of which include looking at the computer screen so that he/she can interact with all students who are present in the class. Teachers will also take opportunities to interact with students who are in person. It depends on the activity, the class, the teacher and the objective of the lesson.

Are the students required to use their school issued laptops in school or will they be able to leave computers at home and just be normal in class without a computer, like they would normally do for in-person learning?

Students must have a fully charged school-issued chromebook with them each day because they will be using it throughout the school day for a variety of activities and to submit assignments, as well as to interact with peers who are learning remotely.

Will there be any locations in the school where there are two classes going on simultaneously (i.e., will a large room, like the library or gymnasium, have two different teachers teaching two different classrooms on two different subjects to students?)

There are a total of three periods per day where two classes will share a very large space. Typically, they are two very small classes, but rooms are positioned in such a way that classes are not facing one another and are at a distance from one another.

Will all teachers be required to allow all quizzes/tests to be open notebook?

Because of the nature of certain subjects, teachers will use their discretion about which assessments can be used with an open notebook. In general, teachers are encouraged to offer assessments that

encourage critical thinking and where open notebooks are not necessarily an advantage to any particular individual.

Are there any teachers who are not going to be in the classroom for hybrid instruction? For instance, does a student go into the building for class, while the teacher is still logging in remotely due to reasonable health accommodations/pre-existing condition/health concerns that prevent him/her from coming to the school to teach in-person?

There are instances when teachers will teach remotely, but they are the exception and not the rule. All students will be supervised at all times when they are in the building.

Will our students be able to elect to go all-virtual during the second quarter if the hybrid in-person model does not work for him/her?

Yes, students can opt to switch to the all-virtual model should they feel safer or more comfortable learning from home.

Will the water shortage cause the delay of the school to reopen?

No, the water shortage will not cause a delay in the reopening of school.

Do I have to complete the COVID screening form each week? What happens if I do not complete it?

Every family must complete the COVID screening form each week (on Tuesdays for Maroon Cohort students, Wednesdays for 100% virtual students and Thursdays for Gold Cohort students). Students whose families did not complete the form will not be able to attend class in person until the form is completed. A failure to complete the form on a regular basis will result in the student having to learn 100% virtually from home.