



# Quarter 3 Hope Academy Plan

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Our plan to provide a remarkable, God-centered education while keeping students and faculty safe and healthy.

Preference  
forms due for  
the 3rd Quarter.  
Submit yours by  
Fri, Jan 15th  
at 11:59 p.m.

# His mercies are new every morning.

Dear Hope Academy Parents,

**Don't you hate it when you're offered a choice that is really no choice at all?** Such as, would you like this bloated, unreliable, overpriced wi-fi service or that bloated, unreliable, overpriced wi-fi service?

Hope Academy has been one of the only schools in the Twin Cities offering parents a real choice for educating their kids during a pandemic. Last fall, two thirds of you took advantage of one of the most unique learning opportunities in the whole country. Your Hope Academy student was one of only a tiny handful of children in our city who received in-person instruction during the first semester. What an incredible gift!

Hope families who needed a distance learning option were also not neglected. Your children were able to receive a world-class, Hope Academy education online. As God does so frequently, he supplied something really good for everyone.

And by God's grace, we are delighted again to offer both in-person and distance learning options to your children for the third quarter. **Please prayerfully look over the Quarter Three options and choose the schooling option that is best for your child and your family.** Your schooling selection is due by midnight of Friday, January 15th, 2021.

I am so grateful to God for the outrageously talented and courageous teachers and support staff who have made this gift possible to you. Do take a moment to thank them when you can.

Let Hope Arise,



Russ Gregg  
Co-Founder & Head of School



## Preferences DUE Friday, January 15th

We are asking all families to **re-state their preference for their child's Learning Model, even if your preference hasn't changed.** If you do not submit your Q3 preference, we will assume you are keeping your student's learning model the same. While there may be some availability to change options, dependent upon class sizes we may not be able to honor every request. **Please complete one electronic form per student.**

[Submit Preference for Q3](#)



# Lower School Q3 Options

## OPTION #1



### 100% In-Person

Continues as in Quarter 2. Classes meet from 9:55 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. Because of the social, emotional, spiritual, and mental health benefits of being together in-person, as well as the benefits of in-person instruction, **Hope Academy recommends this option.**

## OPTION #2



### 100% Distance Learning

Students will be taught in an online format. Instruction will include times of live instruction, pre-recorded video lessons, and times of independent work. **A parent must be committed to sitting alongside their child, viewing, and working on the lessons for up to three hours each day.** Instruction will happen during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and may require additional hours in the afternoon. This instruction will include all core subjects. There will be opportunities to opt-in to specialist classes (Art, Music, Technology, and Physical Education). Parents will have virtual check-in meetings with the classroom teacher as needed.

In some cases, if parents are not able to provide the individual support expected or if students are not making the academic progress necessary, they will be asked to attend school in-person.



Grade Level	Live Instructional Times	Additional Academic Work
K, 1st and 2nd Grade	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Additional hours may be required in the afternoon
3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Additional hours may be required in the afternoon

# Upper School Reminders

## Schedules same as Quarter 2

Distance and Hybrid Learning will continue the same as in Quarter 2. Cohort A Hybrid students meet in-person Mon, Wed, and alternating Fridays. Cohort B Hybrid students meet in-person Tue, Thurs, and alternating Fridays.

## 7th/8th Grade Time Reminder

Because of overlapping teacher schedules, all 7th & 8th grade will again have their homework periods during the middle of the school day rather than the end on Distance Learning days. Classes are from 9:55 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. with two 45 min open homework periods and one 45 min open lunch period each day.

## Note about 50/50 Hybrid

Hybrid learning students must be in the building on all in-person days unless a parent calls to confirm illness or exposure to illness. Unless ill, it is not an option to stay home on in-person days.



## ALL SCHOOL

### Parent Involvement Day

#### Saturday, January 23rd

Our second Parent Involvement Day of the year will happen virtually on Saturday, January 23rd from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.! More details to come.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### February 11th and 12th

Our teachers are excited about spending some time with parents and students; however, because of COVID-19, our Parent-Teacher Conferences will once again be virtual. Keep an eye out for conference sign-ups to open for Thursday, February 11th and Friday, February 12th.

### Calling & Attendance

Please call the school's main line at 612-540-2000, which will direct you to different departments (Lower School, Upper School, etc.).

- All parent/guardian phone calls and emails regarding attendance and absences must be made before 10:00 a.m. everyday
- All parent/guardian phone calls and emails regarding end-of-day transportation or pick-up must be made before 3 p.m. everyday

# What if someone at Hope Academy contracts COVID-19?

Hope Academy will notify the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of confirmed COVID-19 cases among students and staff. Due to ongoing changes, Hope Academy will modify the guidelines based on current MDH and CDC guidance. If a student or staff member has COVID-19, parents within that class cohort or bus cohort will be notified. All parents will be notified of new cases in an update each week to the Hope Happenings.

Questions? Send them to Mr. Smith at [covidcoordinator@hopeschool.org](mailto:covidcoordinator@hopeschool.org).

<b>Individual student or staff member</b>	The student/staff member must be in isolation for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or 10 days from the positive test date if asymptomatic; and must be symptom-free to return.	The class cohort will continue as normal. If a teacher is out sick, a substitute teacher will be brought in to teach the class. The student must immediately move into distance learning.	Each classroom at Hope Academy will be cleaned to the COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting standards. Where applicable, each classroom will be disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer.
<b>Two students/teachers within a cohort</b> – simultaneously within a 14-day period (family groupings within a cohort count as one case)	The class cohort will be in quarantine for 14 calendar days.	The class cohort will move immediately into Distance Learning (online).	Each classroom at Hope Academy will be cleaned to the COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting standards. Where applicable, each classroom will be disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer.

<b>Two cohorts in the Lower School or two cohorts in the Upper School</b> – with two simultaneous cases within each class cohort	All students from cohorts with two simultaneous cases within each cohort will move to Distance Learning for 14 calendar days.	The remaining Lower or Upper School Cohorts will move to Modified Distance Learning (only children of Essential Workers and 5-Day Students in the building) for 14 calendar days.	Each classroom at Hope Academy will be cleaned to the COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting standards. Where applicable, each classroom will be disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer.
<b>Three cohorts at Hope Academy</b> – with two simultaneous cases within each class cohort	All students from cohorts with two simultaneous cases within each cohort will move to Distance Learning for 14 calendar days.	All remaining Lower and Upper School Cohorts will move to Modified Distance Learning (only children of Essential Workers and 5-Day Students in the building) for 14 calendar days.	Each classroom at Hope Academy will be cleaned to the COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting standards. Where applicable, each classroom will be disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer.
<b>Family member of a student/teacher/staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19</b> and is living within the same household or had close contact	The student/teacher will be in quarantine for 14 calendar days after last point of contact with the person diagnosed with COVID-19.	The student/teacher will move immediately into distance learning and stay in quarantine even if they have a negative COVID-19 test during the quarantine period.	The COVID-19 Program Coordinator in partnership with the MDH will determine when the student/ staff is ready to return to school in-person.
<b>Student/teacher/staff member has Close Contact</b> outside the home with someone diagnosed with COVID-19	If no symptoms, quarantine for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days after last point of contact with the person diagnosed with COVID-19</li> <li>• 7 calendar days if negative test result (Test date must be at least 5 days after contact)</li> </ul>	The student/teacher will move immediately into distance learning and stay in quarantine for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 calendar days if no symptoms</li> <li>• 7 calendar days if no symptoms and negative test result</li> </ul>	The COVID-19 Program Coordinator in partnership with the MDH will determine when the student/ staff is ready to return to school in-person.

## COVID-19 Symptoms

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

### More Common

- Fever greater than 100.4F
- New and/or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

#### NEXT STEPS:

Please consider getting evaluated by a medical professional and contact the COVID Coordinator ([covidcoordinator@hopeschool.org](mailto:covidcoordinator@hopeschool.org)).

### Less Common

- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Excessive fatigue
- Severe headache
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose

#### NEXT STEPS:

If these less common symptoms worsen, please contact the COVID Coordinator and consider getting evaluated by a medical professional.

If these less common symptoms improve, please make sure your child is symptom free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

### Please Note:

This plan is based on mutual transparency, love, and trust for the safety of all our students and staff. Staff and families **must self-report to the school** if they or their student have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or had a close exposure to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.



## Preference forms due for the **third** quarter!

**Q3 preferences due  
Friday, January 15th at 11:59 p.m.**

**Complete Form**

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