

FAAM Virtual Learning FAQ

1. Do the students have to wear uniforms while online?

No, but students must dress in clothing that follows the MPS guidelines. No pajamas, swimsuits, revealing clothing, shirts with messages or inappropriate pictures or any type of clothing that could be offensive to another classmate. If a student chooses not to follow these guidelines, the student will be instructed to dress in the complete FAAM uniform daily.

2. Can my child be anywhere when online learning?

No, students are expected to be at a table or desk while online. Students should not be on a bed, couch, or laying on the floor. Students should treat online learning just as they would if in the classroom setting at FAAM.

3. Can a parent interact and ask questions during the online learning sessions?

No, parents are not to interact, ask questions, or help their child during online lessons. There will be office hours in the afternoon when parents can speak to the teacher about any questions they may have.

4. Can I help my child complete his online lessons and assessments?

No, your child is responsible for completing all assignments and assessments. If you help your child now, they will not be prepared to succeed when we return to the regular classroom setting. If your child is having trouble, there will be daily intervention sessions for the child to work directly with the teacher. You are hurting your child if you choose to give them answers to assignments and assessments. If we find that parents are helping with completing graded work, we may have to set up virtual times for the student to complete assignments and assessments with the teacher viewing.

5. Will the students receive grades and have due dates?

Yes, each teacher will give at least 8 minor grades and 4 major grades per nine week period. Assignments, assessments, and projects will have designated due dates. These dates must be adhered to daily. The students will be given ample time to complete each assignment.

6. Does my child have to attend all live sessions each day?

We encourage parents to try to have students online each morning for all live class sessions. Students will begin homeroom activities at 8:00 AM and begin the live class session by 8:30 each morning. The teachers will give detailed schedules the first week of school.

7. What if my child can't attend the live sessions?

Each live session will be videoed and put on the Schoology site each afternoon for students who are unable to attend the live session.

8. I will be at work when my child is home on the live sessions. How will I know what my child is learning?

Each teacher will have a short pre-recorded lesson posted on the Schoology site daily along with the recorded class period. Parents can watch the short class lesson without having to watch the entire class period. Students will also be able to go back to these short lessons to review a skill should they need additional practice.

9. When will my child receive textbooks, supplies, and educational items from the school?

We are still waiting for items to be delivered. As soon as a grade level has the items that need to go home we will schedule a pick-up day for that grade level. It is the parent's responsibility to purchase general items such as pencils, paper, crayons, scissors and any other basic supply item you would usually have in your house for a student to complete homework.

10. Do we have to pay for supplies this year?

This year we have decided to try and fund most of the supply cost here at the school. There are fees for technology subscriptions, novels, and supplies that we will need your help to afford. For this reason, we have decided to charge each student a \$30 technology/supply fee. We will use an online platform to receive payment from each family. As soon as we have that info available, we will email it out to all parents.

11. When will my child get their Chromebook?

The system has not received the Chromebooks that will go home to all students. We are asking students to use their own devices until the Chromebooks are delivered to our school and are ready for distribution. We only have a few extra Chromebooks here at FAAM and will only allow students who have no devices at all at home to check these devices out. MPS has decided not to charge a fee for Chromebook usage this year.

12. Will the school system provide lunch for my child?

Yes, students are able to pick up a lunch from any MPS school. The student will need their lunch number when picking up the meal. Teachers will send home lunch numbers via email for each student.

13. I forgot my INOW username and password to check my child's grades.

Teachers will email usernames and passwords to parents for each child. The password will be a generic password that the parent will go in and change when they log into the site. Remember that once you change your password, the school will not know your password for your account.

14. I don't know my child's Schoology log in info.

Teachers will email parents with log in directions, usernames, and passwords.

15. What does my child do Monday morning to join the live online learning session?

This weekend you will receive a link for a meeting from your homeroom teacher via email. This will be the first class session for the year. Please try to have your child log in to attend this lesson. Children will be able to begin logging in Monday morning at 8:00 AM and the lesson will begin at 8:30. The lesson will be recorded and the recorded link sent out to parents Monday afternoon in case your child is unable to attend the live session. This will also give you a chance to watch the video for your own knowledge. Teachers will begin teaching the students how to maneuver the Schoology site and hopefully move to using the platform this week.

16. Are there any online links I can access to learn about Schoology?

Navigating the Student Home Page

https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201001203-Homepage-Students-?mobile_site=true

Student Guide to Schoology

<https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201001313-Student-Guide>

17. Will my child be online all day?

No, students will attend live classes from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm each day. During those hours students will be given breaks and times to complete assignments. From 12:30 until 3:00 each day students will have the opportunity to meet with the teacher in small group sessions, work on assignments or projects the teachers have assigned, meet with the teacher if they are having difficulty with a specific skill, and attend live specialists classes.

18. Does my child have to attend specialist classes?

Yes, students will be expected to log in and complete any assignments given by specialists. Specialist classes will not begin until August 17th. More info will be sent out about how and when these classes will be accessible to the students.

19. What if my child doesn't log in to Schoology?

Each student must log in to Schoology each day. The site will show the teacher when the student logged in and what they did while online. If a student does not log in on a particular day, the parent must email an excuse within 3 days stating why the child was absent. The email address to send the excuse will be on the FAAM MPS website. If the parent does not send in the excuse, the student will be unable to make up any graded assignments given for the day he or she was absent.

