



**GOLDENDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS AND STAFF IMPROVING EVERY DAY**

As parents and community members we are all experiencing a lot of anxiety concerning coming back to school and the expectations for children. In my conversations with parents I have heard three main questions and concerns.

Q: Will my child be expected to be online all day?

A: NO! That would not be a productive learning environment. Instead teachers will provide instruction both in person and by video. Students will be provided learning experiences to independently interact with. However, the teachers will be available during the entire class period for help and support, including answering questions through email, phone calls, and zoom calls.

Q: How will attendance be taken? What if I work and my child will not be able to get online until evening or on weekends.

A: Engagement with instruction is attendance. Attendance will be taken as the student completes the work. Teachers will record and post the live zoom meetings so that students can engage with the instruction after hours, or on the weekends.

Q: I would like for my child to have the option of attending online all year and not change to the hybrid model.

A: **You will not be** required to change your student's schedule to the hybrid model. When we are able to have students in the building parents will have the option of continuing with full online instruction through the Goldendale Middle School or being part of the hybrid model.

Q: If the classes are set on a two-week rotation my child might forget what they learned in two weeks.

A: Teachers will give the student a project to work on during the off two weeks. For example, in a math class where students are learning to graph the teacher will provide a graphing project and then have regular check-ins with students during the time they are not attending class. This will give students time to actually use the skills that they have learned in the classroom.

Keeping your student as part of the Goldendale Middle School will provide your student with several important advantages.

**First, they will have daily connection with a teacher who knows them, is part of our community and can provide help and support when they need it. Our teachers will be available to answer questions, provide feedback and tutoring throughout the day.**

**Second, your student will be part of their peer group. If they are able to attend zoom meetings they will see their classmates, hear their classmates and be able to set up work groups with their peer group.**

**Third, you will have flexibility. As we progress to the hybrid model families will have a choice for their students. They will be able to continue online instruction or come into the building in a split schedule.**

We are excited to welcome your student as part of the Goldendale Middle School community where connections and relationships are built. We are here and ready to help your child learn.

Thank you and please call me if you have questions that I haven't answered.

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Link to a short video for parents: Back to School Tips

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuNKSIfqRek>