



# Malta Public Schools

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## **Malta Schools Distance Learning and Curriculum Description for 2020-21**

Last spring, following emergency proclamations by the Governor, all schools in Montana were forced to operate remotely, as best they could, on very short notice. This remote off-site instruction was implemented during a time of emergency and therefore curriculum was attempted to be administered in an emergency scenario. Now, five months later we still find ourselves dealing with a pandemic, but the circumstances have changed. While no one can predict the future, Phillips County currently has few confirmed cases of Covid-19, and there is no executive directive requiring schools to attempt to operate remotely. With that said the Malta School District is no longer planning on providing an emergency curriculum.

Therefore, it goes without saying that an offsite learning option would look different this year than it did at the end of the last school year. This school year students and parents do have the option to choose off-site instruction. In this scenario students will be required to participate in Malta School Districts curriculum to the fullest extent. Offsite learners will be provided with adequate guidance and materials by the classroom teacher; all students will be required to participate on the same schedule and with the same rigor. However, responsibility will necessarily fall on the household to ensure this takes place. It will be up to the household, in communication with the classroom teacher as a team, to ensure direct instructional aid is sufficiently provided whereby the student can perform and progress at grade level appropriately. Off site learners and their households will have the ability to access and monitor their students academic performance and will be notified immediately if the student is failing to perform with proficiency according to the standards set by the district and classroom teacher. Off-site learners will be required to participate in all of the district curriculum. Assignments and assessments will be the same for on and offsite students, but may include differentiation. Schedules and timeframes for course pacing will also align.

### Elementary School

Because of the large variation in elementary students' needs and skills, as well as their cognitive and physical development, materials and tools for instruction that are provided by the classroom teacher will vary in form. Content delivery may include but not be limited to the form of hardcopies, live video feed, recorded video, ect. Digital curriculum will be delivered via Google Classroom schoolwide. Traditional hardcopy materials will need to be picked up at the school. Instructional tools and guidance will vary by grade level, teacher, and student. Students households who choose to participate in the district's curriculum offsite will need to fill out the district form of notification. Once a household has chosen the offsite learning option they will be required to continue with that option for a minimum of ten school days. After the minimum timeframe has passed students may choose to return to traditional onsite instruction. Students may choose to return to onsite instruction once per semester.

### Middle/High School:

Students in Middle/High School who choose to take part in offsite learning will be in attendance virtually for each class on their schedule as they take place. Meaning, students will attend each class through Google Meet, or similar application, as they are actually happening and watch the live instruction provided by the teacher. The student will be able to see and hear the teacher while the teacher can see and hear the student. Assignments will be posted digitally through Google Classroom or similar platforms, and will be as close to the same to the assignments given in class, as reasonably feasible. Attendance will be taken each period by the teacher for both the students who are present in the classroom and those who are present online. Students will need to have access to the internet and an appropriate device. Students who need a device are able to check one out from the school. For some courses it will not be possible to have a student live stream the instruction and complete the same assignments on their own. Alternative assignments or alternative courses will be utilized in these circumstances. Once a household has chosen the offsite learning option they will be required to continue with that option for a minimum of ten school days. After the minimum timeframe has passed students may choose to return to traditional onsite instruction. Students may choose to return to onsite instruction once per semester.