



# Delta High School

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Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations for completing the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year! We are thankful that we started the year in the hybrid model and transitioned to in-person learning four days a week in the second quarter. This gave us the opportunity to prepare students for distance learning if they are required to quarantine while also getting everyone back into the school and engaged in-person. As we prepare to come back to school on January 5th we would like to review the schedule and discuss expectations for the second semester.

We will return to our seven period schedule meeting Monday-Friday from 8:10-3:25. Students have second semester schedules built and they can access them in PowerSchool. If there is a desire for an alteration to a student schedule they can complete the Schedule Change Request form located on the DHS homepage. Our counselors will process those requests and complete schedule changes before students return to school on January 5th. We are excited to return to our normal schedule as it provides students with one more course/credit opportunity as they make progress towards graduation.

As an in-person learning based school we would like to review attendance expectations as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. The following updated CDPHE guidelines will be used:

- If students/staff have symptoms they should not come to school until symptoms resolve/have improved
- If students/staff have minor symptoms that resolve within 48 hours and they can safely wear a mask they should return to school
- If minor symptoms have not resolved after 48 hours they are required to home isolate for 10 days following symptom onset
- If students/staff with minor symptoms in home isolation take a PCR or rapid test, test negative, and can safely wear a mask they may return to school earlier (negative test results required)
- If students/staff have lost their sense of taste/smell or test positive they are required to home isolate for 10 days following symptom onset
- Students/staff who have been confirmed positive in the previous 90 days are not required to quarantine/home isolate

Parents/Guardians of students who have symptoms should call the school and communicate the health status of their student. This should also include any absence of a student due to home isolation directed by the health department or a health official due to close contact with a positive case outside of school. These students will be marked "EXC19" for the duration of their absence and our health aide and attendance advocate will stay in communication as to the status of your student. If a student is required to quarantine due to close contact while at school they will be marked "Q" for the duration of their absence. This information will be appropriately conveyed to your student's teachers so they can provide distance learning while students are out of school. Once students complete a required quarantine and/or home isolation period they need to return to school. Teachers will not provide distance learning for students who chose not to attend school. A parent's excuse for a student absence does not qualify for distance learning access. Students and/or parents interested in remote/distance learning should contact [rebecca.gober@deltaschools.com](mailto:rebecca.gober@deltaschools.com) to inquire about the DCSD online program.

Students coded "EXC19" or "Q" are expected to engage with their teachers daily while in home isolation. If your student does not engage with their teacher they will be marked absent for that period and you will be notified by the school at the end of the day. We will also reinstate daily notifications for any student who has been marked Unexcused Absent throughout their classes each day. Delta High School is an in-person learning based school and we have the most success when our students are attending and engaging with their teachers. As we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, communication between home and school continues to be extremely important. As always, please contact the school with any questions you may have. We look forward to 2021 and working together for continued success at DHS.

Happy Holidays!

Derek Carlson, Principal