

Learning Pods are a place for students to independently engage in remote learning in a safe and productive environment during standard school hours. Learning Pods will:



Provide students with access to reliable internet to participate in synchronous learning.



Provide students with the appropriate time to connect to their synchronous learning.



Provide students with caring Adams 12 Five Star Schools staff members to encourage them and connect them with someone should they have technical issues.

How is a Learning Pod different from a regular classroom?

Staff members in these pods will **not** provide instruction to participating students. That responsibility will remain with the student's assigned teacher or teachers.



Student Groupings & School Staff

Students will be assigned to a grade-level pod at their current school.

Pods will be small cohorts (groupings) of students.

Elementary (K-5): Consists of up to 12 students per pod.

Middle (6-8): Consists of up to 15 students per pod.

Students will remain in their individual Learning Pod cohort for the majority of the day. Grade-level cohorts may have recess and lunch at the same time as needed while maintaining physical distancing.

One district staff member will be assigned to each pod.

Schools will be staffed with normal building support staff to include administration, office staff, health aides, student monitors and custodians.

Locations & Hours

Learning Pods will be available Monday through Friday during common bell schedules by school.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (K-5):

8:05 am - 3:00 pm M, T, Th, F

8:05 am - 1:45 pm W

MIDDLE SCHOOLS (6-8):

9:00 am - 4:15 pm M, T, Th, F

9:00 am - 2:45 pm W

K-8 SCHOOLS:

K-8 schools have unique bell schedules and Learning Pods will follow the schedule unique to the K-8 school where they are located.

**The building will open for student access for breakfast 20 minutes prior to the bell.*



Health & Safety

(Read More > Student and Staff Health Onward Guide, [pages 24-26](#); Cleaning & Building Management, [page 30](#))

All students and staff will follow the district's prevention and health management guidelines which are aligned with public health orders and guidance, to provide a safe environment for all students, staff and families. Students and staff will be required to:

- Complete self-health screenings, including temperature checks, prior to arriving at the Learning Pod each day.
- Remain in their small student cohort for the duration of the day.
- Wear face coverings.
- Practice frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.

Verification of student self-health screenings will be completed by building staff on a daily basis.

Parents/Guardians must notify the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19.

Building staff will follow enhanced cleaning protocols including frequent sanitizing of high touched surfaces.

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

(Read More > Onward Guide, [page 27](#))

Parents/guardians will remain in vehicles when dropping off and picking up students.

Parents/guardians who walk their child(ren) to school buildings will be asked to drop them off and pick them up near the front of the school or a preassigned access point.

Parents/guardians are required to wear a face covering when on school property and out of their vehicle.

Parents/guardians will not be permitted in the building to walk their child to/from class.

Student Behavior Expectations

All school-wide behavior expectations and the district's student code of conduct remain in effect for Learning Pods.

Students are expected to come prepared to complete classwork and not disrupt others.

A student whose behavior disrupts the learning environment or who fails to comply with the district's health and safety guidelines may be dismissed from the program.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken twice daily, once in the morning and again after lunch period.

Parents are asked to report all absences to the school's attendance line.

Standard attendance procedures will be followed to monitor student arrival and attendance.

Visitor Management

(Read More > Onward Guide, [page 27](#))

Parent/guardian and visitor building access will be restricted and only permitted for a student in need of medical or social-emotional support, or on an emergency basis.

Parents are strongly encouraged to review the district's [Onward Guide](#) for detailed guidelines regarding staff and student health, visitor management, classroom management, building cleaning and ventilation, etc.