

FAQ Auburn Online School

Statement of Understanding

In transferring my student for Auburn School District's Auburn Online School (AO), I understand that:

-Eligibility for this Continuous Learning 2.0+ is dependent on the health and safety needs of the student and/or family

-70% of student learning will be synchronous (live on-line with the teacher) and 30% of class time/week will be asynchronous for all students

-Daily attendance will be taken is a required part of the AO Program. Teachers will provide face to face instruction and students are expected to engage using cameras and mics as needed by instruction.

-Students will be enrolled in the Auburn Online School and un-enrolled from their current school

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Auburn Online School?

The Auburn School District's Auburn Online School is a grade 1-12 program for families who choose to stay 100% remote for the 2021-22 school year for family, personal, and health and safety reasons. Beginning September 2021, the Auburn Online School will support student learning in a 100% online format for any interested in-district student in grades 1-12. The program will provide an online learning format for students that is coordinated and taught by Auburn School District teachers in conjunction with APEX (an online curriculum available for middle and high school students).

What is the difference between Auburn Online School and the Distance Learning Program that occurred in the winter of 2020 through the spring of 2021?

Grades 1-12 students will experience the [Continuous Learning](#) 2.0 Model. This model consists of a predictable daily schedule that consists of at least 70% synchronous and up to 30% asynchronous time. Students will be online and face to face with an Auburn School District teacher, using the Auburn School District adopted curriculum. Secondary students may also use the APEX curriculum with support from Auburn Online teachers. **Daily attendance in each period will be required.** Students who have chosen Auburn Online will be expected to engage fully within online meets including using cameras and microphones as needed by instruction.

Will Auburn Online be just like traditional, in-person schools?

No. Online instruction has it's benefits for some students and yet may not be the best learning environment for every student. IEP needs, student language proficiency, and individual learner needs should be considered prior to applying to transfer.

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Will my high school student have access to all Auburn School District Courses in the Course Catalog?

No. Not all courses will be offered at Auburn Online. All students will have access to courses that fulfill graduation requirements, but the course may not be the course your student wants. Some courses will be provided through APEX curriculum, an online, independently direct

Can I transfer back to in-person school whenever I want?

No. Teachers have been assigned to each school and Auburn Online School based on enrollment. Students may not switch between online and in person programs after the first ten days of the quarter/semester start of their attendance area school. Families requesting to transfer to in-person school are reviewed each appropriate grading period.

Can students receive Special Education services and English Language Learner services in the Auburn Online School?

Yes. However, Auburn Online may not be the best placement for every student. IEP needs and student language proficiency should be considered prior to applying for transfer. Students in Special Education and/or students that are English Learners (EL) can complete the transfer paperwork and attend our program. They may need to meet with our teaching staff (IEP case manager and/or EL teacher) prior to starting to make sure that accommodations and supports are in place to help ensure academic success.

Are there costs involved?

There is a minimal cost. The school is free and a district-issued device will be checked out to your student while they are enrolled in the Auburn Online School. Families will pay a \$5.00 chromebook fee. Depending upon some courses, lab fees or supply costs may be necessary.

Will Lunch be provided?

Students from Auburn Online can go to the following schools from 7:30am to 8am in the morning to pick up both breakfast and lunch for that day: Bowman Creek Elementary, Mt. Baker/Olympic/Cascade Middle Schools and Mt. View High School.

Can students graduate from Auburn Online School?

Yes. Students graduating from Auburn Online School will receive an Auburn Online School high school diploma issued by the Auburn School District.

- Students who complete all Auburn School District graduation credit requirements through the Auburn Online program may participate in the commencement ceremony at their home school, if desired.
- **Note: Not all online classes will meet NCAA guidelines; impacted students should meet with a counselor and work with their University and the NCAA Clearinghouse**

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What are APEX Courses (Middle School and High School)?

APEX is an online curriculum/platform available for middle and high school students in the ASD. Students complete courses at their own pace toward scheduled due dates. AO students assigned an APEX course (World Language, AP, Adv. Courses, and other electives) will be assigned a study skills class and teacher/facilitator. Students watch educational video clips, practice skills, interact with the content, and check their understanding through diagnostic tools.

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Will there be altered Mondays? Yes. Auburn Online will have an altered schedule on Monday's due to ASD PLCs. This will include a one hour late start and asynchronous time at the end of the day. Students will be given structured learning opportunities during asynchronous time such as IXL, tutorials, intervention opportunities, and other activities that support their learning for the upcoming week.

Can my student do Auburn School District sports if enrolled in Auburn Online School?

Yes. Students may participate in after-school activities like clubs and sports at their attendance area home school.

What is Synchronous Instruction? When a student or a group of students engaged in learning at the same time using technology that allows the teacher and student to connect in real-time to deliver any of the following:

- a. Timely actionable feedback to students.
- b. Direct instruction to students through video conferencing (Google Meets).
- c. Teacher guided peer-to-peer learning, 1:1 instructional support, goal setting, conferencing
- d. Whole or small-group instruction.

What is Asynchronous Instruction? Async shall be defined as any of the following:

- a. Learning assigned by the teacher but done outside of the class period (e.g. iReady assigned lessons, IXL, Apex).
- b. Students work independently.
- c. Self-guided instructional modules.
- d. Pre-recorded lessons.
- e. Opportunities for interaction not within the scheduled school day (example: