



Online FAQ



I want my student learning from a Hamilton teacher. Why isn't it known whether my student will have a Hamilton teacher or have to use the online service provider for the online option?

We absolutely agree that our teachers are more effective than any online curriculum. Having an online option adds classes to an already full teaching schedule. The only way a teacher could be free to teach Hamilton's curriculum online is if enough students in a grade level or course choose the online curriculum. For example, if a particular grade has the equivalent of a regular class size choose the online option then it's reasonable and possible for a teacher to teach the class.

Since the online sign-up ends August 7, we should be able to determine in early August which grades and courses are available to be taught by Hamilton teachers. Login schedules will be distributed by the buildings.

What happens at the end of the first semester?

Students can return to the building, continue online, or move from in-building to online. However, if many students return to school then Hamilton's online teachers will need to be with the in-building students and online students who had that teacher will switch to the online provider courses. Students may have a different teacher in the next semester.

Will online students need to complete assignments at specific times or will they be able to work at their own pace on their own time schedule?

Students who have a Hamilton teacher will have live instruction and follow a set schedule. Attendance will be taken each day. Students who are using the Jefferson County curriculum or Apex will be paced according to online curriculum monitored by a Hamilton staff member. Again, the number of students who are enrolled in the online option will determine how the instruction is delivered.

Why are the online service providers Jefferson County and Apex?

A significant number of Central Ohio school districts are using the Jefferson County online curriculum and Apex is one of the leading online education service providers. Both are being purchased by the district.



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What happens with the online students if the district switches to virtual learning (rather than in-building learning)?

Online students who are assigned Hamilton teachers will continue with those teachers live and will follow the virtual daily schedule. The virtual schedule is different from the online schedule. Refer to the virtual schedule.

Online students who are following the online provider courses, Jefferson County or Apex, will continue with those courses.

Will computers be provided?

Although close, Hamilton is not yet 1:1 (one computer for each student). If there is a reliable, Internet-connected computer in your home, please arrange for your student to use it. Hamilton's tech department will try to accommodate the computer needs of the online learners.

Will high school students be able to take all of their courses online?

Some of the courses may be with our teachers while some may need to be with Apex, depending on the number of students who choose the online curriculum. Apex courses may not be exact matches to our building courses but students still will be able to earn credits.

College Credit Plus (CCP) courses taught in our buildings won't be available through Apex. Students who want to take CCP courses online need to contact the counselor to register.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available through Apex.

What supplies are needed for the online curriculum?

Online students who have Hamilton teachers will have the normal supply list for that teacher, grade, and/or class. For students taking the Jefferson County or Apex classes, no additional materials are expected.



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How will students on IEPs receive services with the online curriculum?

Parents/guardians of students with IEPs should be cautious when considering enrollment in the online option. At this time the guidance we've received says the IEP would not need to be amended due to change of placement. If the online option is selected for your student, the special education department will contact you.

Online students who are assigned Hamilton teachers will receive services during the class period or during office hours, depending on how many students with IEPs select the online curriculum.

Online students who are following the online provider courses will have an intervention specialist work with them during specific times.

How will students identified as gifted be served?

Gifted students assigned to Hamilton teachers will receive gifted services during their class period, as normally provided by classroom teachers. Teachers who have gifted students complete gifted instruction training.

Students who are assigned the online provider courses will have services arranged by the gifted coordinator.

How are assignments and tests given in the online option?

Online students who are assigned a Hamilton teacher will have assignments and tests given and graded by the teacher.

Assignments and tests will be different through the online provider. In grades K-6, a Hamilton teacher will give and grade the assignments but will not instruct live. The instruction will be through videos online. In grades 7-12, a Hamilton Local teacher will be available to check-in and be able to assist with issues such as submitting assignments but the instruction will be embedded in the Apex curriculum.