



SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO  
**HARRISON**  
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## **HSD2 Announces Hybrid Model for Secondary Schools**

COLORADO SPRINGS – **Harrison School District Two (D2)** announces a change to our secondary (grades 6 -12) In-Person learning option. **Harrison School District Two** will utilize a hybrid model of in-person learning for secondary students that are choosing to return in-person after the Labor Day holiday. Families still have two options after Labor Day – eLearning or the in-person hybrid model.

“Safety is our priority in **Harrison School District Two**, and we have been re-evaluating our reopening plan for secondary students in grades 6 - 12. We find there will be a benefit in bringing these students back in smaller groups, as cohorts are difficult to maintain in secondary schools”, said **Superintendent Dr. Wendy Birhanzel**. This new in-person hybrid model allows D2 to split secondary students into a Tuesday/Wednesday cohort and a Thursday/Friday cohort. All secondary hybrid in-person students will utilize eLearning on Mondays and on the two days that are not their cohort days.

Secondary schools will be in touch with families by **Friday, August 28** to assign students to a cohort if they selected in-person learning during orientation. All secondary students began the **2020-2021 school year** in a remote fashion on Monday, August 17. Students will transition to the in-person hybrid model or the eLearning model on **Tuesday, September 8**, and the District will continue to work with **El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH)** to determine how and when to bring back our entire student body safely.

All students will be eligible for free school meals daily between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. regardless of the learning option they select.

Secondary students will still have the option to participate in sports, activities, and clubs as outlined by **CHSAA** and the student's school.

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