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On predetermined Flexible Learning Days, students will experience learning in two different settings: a half day of face-to-face learning at school (25 minutes/class) and a half day of asynchronous learning at home, with students completing learning extension activities that connect to the day's in-class work or serve as an introduction to the following day's lesson. Flexible Learning Day coursework will be communicated through Canvas, the District 86 Learning Management System or directly to students during class time.

When will these days occur?

Flexible Learning Days will be prearranged and listed on the District 86 annual calendar.

What will the schedule be on these days?

Students will attend each of their classes (minus lunch) for 25 minutes, and will be dismissed from school at 11:30 a.m. After dismissal, staff will participate in professional learning opportunities that are focused on key aspects of the District 86 Strategic Plan.

What kinds of asynchronous work will students be asked to complete?

Students will be asked to complete extension assignments that will serve as a continuation of the learning that takes place in the classroom. These assignments will feature skill/application-based tasks that will either expand on the lessons from the morning, or serve as a bridge to the coursework that is scheduled for the following day. The tasks are estimated to take approximately 15 to 25 minutes to complete, and should be finished prior to the next class period. Homework (work assigned *in addition to* Flexible Learning Day extension assignments) will not be assigned on these days.

My student has special needs - how will they receive accommodations on these days?

Foundations students will be responsible for completing pre-planned activities in a home binder provided by the classroom teacher. Parents/guardians are encouraged to assist their child with the assigned activity or agreed-upon activity, and will receive further details from their child's teacher.