

To: Raymond School Board Members
From: Tina H. McCoy, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Simultaneous Participation of 8th Graders in HS Classes
Date: February 17, 2021

In order to leverage technology to increase opportunities for students at IHGMS, I propose that the following be implemented during the 2021-22 school year:

- French 1, Spanish 1 and Computer Programming 1 classrooms will all be well equipped with Google Kits and computers to facilitate high quality remote participation in all classroom activities.
- 8th grade students at IHGMS will have the opportunity, given that they have demonstrated preparedness for high school course material, to sign up to participate in a foreign language class and/or a computer programming course.
- Spanish 1 and French 1 will run first period, concurrently, so that students can choose one or the other. (Note: more than one section of Spanish 1 is anticipated at RHS).
- Computer Programming 1 will also run during the first period, but on the opposite days. In this way a student (if he or she chooses) could take both a foreign language and computer programming in the 8th grade.
- Eighth grade students would arrive early to school at IHGMS (supervision, of course, will be in place). They will participate in the high school credit bearing classes. After the first HS period is over, they will have a short break (approximately 20 minutes) before starting their next class at IHGMS and resuming their normal middle school schedule.
- Participating 8th grade students can either be transported by their parents or they can ride the high school bus and be dropped off at IHGMS in time to begin class. The high school bus routes will be slightly reconfigured to allow for this to occur.
- In this way, students at IHGMS will be able to participate real-time in high school classes for credit.
- The Algebra 1 and Physical Science classes that are now offered at IHGMS will continue to be taught there as usual for the 2021-22 school year.
- This plan also allows for more flexibility of staffing if needed. For example, a teacher at IHGMS who is qualified to teach at the high school level could teach a class from IHGMS to include both high school students and 8th graders.
- Some other minor adjustments to the schedule at IHGMS may be warranted (ex. Moving one grade level UA classes to a different time of the day).