

FAQs ABOUT MIS LEARNING

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The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted all schools to move away from brick-and-mortar classrooms to digital classrooms. Although the pandemic still exists, businesses and educational institutions have begun to return to pre-pandemic normality. Having learned through experience that schools can serve learners with a combination of online and onsite methods, MIS continues to deliver its brand of education through blended learning.

Blended Learning

In *blended learning*, lessons are primarily delivered face-to-face (onsite) with technology enrichment. This means that students come to school regularly for class discussions and activities. The onsite classes are enhanced by tasks in the MIS digital classrooms which students need to accomplish as part of scholastic performance. These asynchronous tasks include seat work, projects, assignments, individualized work and quizzes. Major tests may also be given online. In addition, weekly synchronous classes (real-time online classes) will take place for Physical Education and Homeroom where applicable.

Onsite classes for elementary and high school will last for 4.5 hours on Mondays till Fridays, except Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, learners stay home to accomplish their online asynchronous tasks and do PE zoom classes. This is what we call *Home Study Day*. This day can also be used for scheduled special activities, such as lab work.

Preschool/kinder onsite classes will take place on Tuesdays till Fridays and last 3 hours a day. Below is the general schedule of classes:

Department	Time	Onsite Days	Home Study Day (online day)
MCH	AM: 8:30 – 11:30 PM: 12:00 – 3:00	Tuesdays till Fridays	Monday
Elementary	9:00 am – 1:30 pm	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Wednesday
Junior High School	11:00 am – 3:30 pm	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Wednesday
Senior High School	11:00 am – 3:30 pm	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	Wednesday

Classes in all levels will begin on August 1, 2023. During the first week, teachers normally conduct class orientations. Formal lessons normally begin in the second week of August.

Below are some of the most commonly-asked questions about blended learning:

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- Where and how will blended learning be conducted?

Blended learning will take place primarily in the school campus where face-to-face classes will take place. Students will meet their subject teachers and classmates for discussions, presentations and other activities. In elementary and high school, a subject period can last from one or two hours.

These onsite experiences will be supplemented with online seat work, assignments and other tasks that students can view in the digital classrooms (DC). Students navigate through the DC platform and click on their classes to open topics, assignments, etc. They then accomplish the activities at their own pace and submit them through the DC. This is why blended learning is said to be technology-enriched.

Children from 2.5 till 5 years old will be combined in onsite mixed-level classes that will last 3 hours a day. Their asynchronous tasks are designed to follow up work done in school, and need to be done with a parent.

- **What about quizzes and exams?**

Quizzes will be available through the DC. Major exams will be left to the teacher's discretion as to whether these will be taken online or onsite.

- **What about books and materials?**

Books are not necessary for blended learning, because material and links will be uploaded into the digital classroom. Students are expected to download these materials if necessary, especially if these are needed for onsite discussions. Special onsite subjects (such as robotics) may require books.

Blended learners may bring personal items such as ball pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Gadgets may be brought depending upon need, but students must be mindful of possible losses. Teachers will announce the need for special materials (such as an illustration board) ahead of time.

- **What about uniforms?**

Blended learners at all levels must come to school wearing the standard uniform shirt. This can be paired with comfortable bottoms (jeans, joggers, slacks) and shoes (e.g. sneakers; closed shoes). A specific colored headband or bandanna will be required during the Practical Living subject. When a change of clothes is needed, students are expected to change into another uniform shirt.

- **What about snacks/lunch?**

A 30-minute period will be allocated for snack/lunch time. Students must bring their own food and drink.

- **Are there after-school clubs?**

MIS-sanctioned after-school activities, such as swimming and badminton, are voluntary and held off-campus. Students are given the freedom to join off-site clubs such as football and basketball. In-campus clubs may also be run during the school year.

- Fees include technology services. What are these?

Technical services include monthly fees for our It infrastructure -- all the service fees needed to maintain and host the digital classroom sites and content, the monthly fees for digital classroom technical management and troubleshooting, and the monthly fees for our school internet, enrollment system database and upkeep.

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