

**Melbourne High School  
2020-21 Enrollment Options  
Frequently Asked Questions**



**Why are middle and high schools in the school district adopting a block schedule this year?**

The biggest single reason is safety for both students and teachers. When compared with the traditional seven period schedule used in Brevard County the block schedule reduces the overall exposure of teachers, staff, and students to each other. Students take fewer classes each day, have fewer transitions between those classes, and see fewer staff members on a block schedule.

**How does a block schedule differ from the traditional seven period schedule?** In a block schedule, students take four 90-minute periods (blocks) each semester. This means that students will take eight courses over the course of the entire school year versus seven courses on our traditional schedule. The eighth course in the block schedule will come from an alternate course listed on the student's course request card that was completed last spring. In some cases, students will be assigned their eighth course based on availability.

**How do I notify the school about which enrollment option I want?** Take the survey linked here to indicate your enrollment preference for each child for the upcoming school year:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCLgESQks7vpYvMwnnUs-Yk0HLWISFrhObNime6aHbPLxE8Q/viewform>

**Do I have to withdraw my child from Melbourne High if I select full-time Brevard Virtual School?** Yes, Brevard Virtual is a public school within our school district just like any other Brevard public school. Students choosing to take classes full-time with BVS will withdraw from Mel Hi and enroll with Brevard Virtual. You can find answers to many BVS questions by clicking here: <https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/16958>

**Does Brevard Virtual have an enrollment deadline?** Yes, students wishing to enroll in full-time Brevard Virtual School must enroll by July 31.

**Do e-learning classes at Mel Hi meet at a particular time?** Yes, e-learning classes are time certain. They are taught by Mel Hi teachers at the time the course is shown on the student's schedule. Students in e-learning courses must log into FOCUS at the time the class begins just as if they were reporting to the classroom on campus.

**How does full-time e-learning work?** Students are enrolled full-time as Melbourne High School students. They receive a course schedule as if they are going to attend classes live on our campus. Instead, they work from home and log into their courses at the times the courses meet on campus. Students will have daily interaction and instruction with their Mel Hi teachers. This full-time e-learning option means that students will take all four classes from home during the semester.

**Can I switch from full or part-time e-learning to live instruction on campus?** Yes, families can change their minds during the semester if they wish to return their student to campus. We will be flexible to help families, but you must notify us first. Contact your guidance counselor to arrange to have your student transition from e-learning to the live classroom. There will be no loss in instruction since the student will continue with the same teacher when he/she returns to campus.

**How do I transition between part-time live instruction at Mel Hi and part-time e-learning from home?** Families must consider their transportation situation to determine how appropriate this option is for their child. Since e-learning courses are time certain, families will need some transition time between their child's last live course on campus and the start of their first e-learning course from home. Therefore, moving from live instruction on campus to e-learning at home (or visa versa) will depend on your student's specific course schedule. Talk to your student's guidance counselor to see if this option is viable.

**How many part-time e-learning courses can I take?** Students may take up to 3 e-learning courses per semester to be considered a part-time e-learning student. Four e-learning courses per semester is full-time.

**Can a part-time Brevard Virtual School student take classes at Melbourne High?** Yes, part-time BVS students can enroll in either live or e-learning courses at Melbourne High. A student would need to enroll in at least one course at Melbourne High.

**Can a part-time Brevard Virtual School student take classes at Eastern Florida State college?** Yes, as long as the student meets the enrollment requirements for Eastern Florida State College. Talk to your guidance counselor for more information.

**How will I tell Melbourne High which classes I want to take as e-learning versus live instruction on campus?** Once students receive their course schedule in August we will provide a process for students to indicate which courses they would like to take through e-learning.

**I want to take some of my classes through e-learning and some classes through Brevard Virtual. How do I know which platform is best for me?** The biggest difference between BVS and e-learning at Melbourne High is that BVS courses are asynchronous and can be taken at any time of the day whereas e-learning courses at Mel Hi are time certain and taught by Mel Hi teachers. If your student does not want to log into class at a particular time then Brevard Virtual may be for you.

**Which courses are taught through e-learning at Melbourne High?** Any course on Melbourne High's campus may be taken through e-learning. Families should understand that instructors in certain courses may ask students to come to campus from time to time to complete course activities that cannot be done at home.

**When will Melbourne High hold fall registration?** We are working to move fall registration online this year. More information will be sent to our families about fall registration in the very near future.