

WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN?

VIRTUAL LEARNING TERMS FOR PARENTS TO KNOW

Hybrid Learning

a mix of in-person and online education (sometimes called blended learning)

Cohort / Hub

another word for group

Audio Conferencing / Conference Call

a phone call with several people at one time

Asynchronous Learning

learning on your own time (sometimes called Independent Learning or Self-Paced)

Chat / Chat Room / Chat Box

a way to communicate by typing text during an online class or presentation



Synchronous Learning

learning with others at a scheduled time (this can also be called in-person classroom, virtual classroom, video conferencing, or audio conferencing)

Breakout Groups / Breakout Rooms

students are divided into online groups for activities or learning

Discussion Board

a place for the teacher or student to share information in writing (also called online whiteboard)

Accessible

available in a way that is easy to understand, read, use, and/or process



Virtual Learning

learning that happens online with computer, tablet, or smartphone (can also be called e-learning, distance learning, web-based learning, remote learning, online learning, distance education, internet learning)

Module

a group of online lessons around a specific topic

Webinar

a live or recorded online presentation

Learning Platform

a program the school uses for online learning (includes things like Blackboard, Canvas, Virtual Virginia, Google Classroom)



Face-To-Face

teaching that happens in person usually in the school building

Share Screen

instructor or student presenting what is on their own online screen for others to see

FlipGrid

one online way for students and teachers to use videos to share information

Virtual Classroom

instructors and students connecting online using a learning platform

Multimedia

communicating using text, images, audio, video or animation

