



# 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



### **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

### **Synchronous Learning**

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



**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

