



# THE HILL ACADEMY

## HY-FLEX LEARNING FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

AT THE HILL ACADEMY, WE KNOW THAT FOR ANY OF OUR TEAMS TO BE SUCCESSFUL THEY NEED A GOOD PLAYBOOK.

OUR ACADEMIC PLAYBOOK HAS EVOLVED TOWARDS A HY-FLEX MODEL.

Times of crisis can often bring together the conditions for innovation. The Academic Team at the Hill Academy strives to create the conditions that support academic success for our students. We are committed to ensure that the challenges presented by our athletic and travel schedules do not negatively impact the first class education that our students receive. What does this mean for my child's schedule?

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic required our faculty to make an immediate pivot to a remote learning model and we are proud of what we have accomplished together. Now we have an opportunity to re-write the playbook that will create the conditions for our students to reach even greater academic heights as they meet the athletic requirements of being a student-athlete at the Hill Academy.

*What is a HyFlex model?*

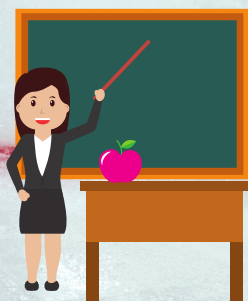
- It is a **hybrid** model of education that is **flexible** in its mode of delivery.
- A course design model that accommodates learning in a flexible course structure in order to optimally meet the challenges and demands of a student-athlete.
- It leverages technology in an intentional way to ensure that the face-to-face and remote learning experiences have equal engagement and success levels for students.



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1 CLASS  
ACCESSIBLE FOUR WAYS

LIVE FACE  
TO FACE



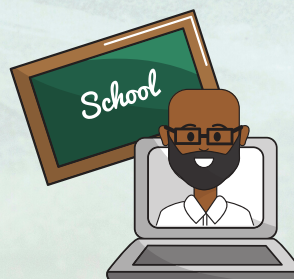
ON CAMPUS  
ASYNCHRONOUS  
LEARNING



REMOTE  
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REMOTE  
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*What does this mean for my child's schedule?*

Student-athletes will be provided the flexibility to attend classes live in the physical classroom with their teacher and classmates, participate remotely synchronously, participate at school asynchronously or participating remotely asynchronously.

- For example a grade 10 History class may have 15 students.
  - o 5 students are in class with the teacher (**live face to face synchronous learning**)
  - o 4 boys are travelling with their team and will view the lesson and complete work online later in the day supervised by their coach. (**remote asynchronous learning**)
  - o 3 girls are travelling with their team and do not have a game while class is on. They will participate in the class with the teacher and 5 other students in real time through an online portal. (**remote synchronous learning**)
  - o 3 other students were called up to participate in the senior Prep lacrosse practice and missed class. They will be in a supervised environment on campus during their regularly scheduled practice time where they will use our Learning Management System to access the lesson and complete the work (**on campus asynchronous learning**)

*Doesn't this just mean you are moving to an online program?*

- Not at all. An online model is a single mode of delivery. All students interact remotely for 100% of the course. This HyFlex model is what is often referred to as a blended model of online and face to face learning.

*What are the advantages of this model?*

- Student-athletes can engage in their timetables according to their athletic schedule, travel schedule, course topic or learning style preference.
- Students are not locked in to one mode of delivery. During the Fall they may be in full face-to-face attendance but require remote asynchronous learning during the Spring Season
- We also know that a critically important part of being a student at The Hill is the on campus experience. We want our students to be on campus as often as possible to interact with faculty and their peers, to experience our Monday Assembly, to socialize and gain leadership opportunities and to experience all that our amazing campus has to offer. This model gives us the flexibility of leveraging technology while still providing the on campus experience.



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*How will this impact evaluations?*

- We know that the greatest benefit to student learning comes from assessment and feedback as students are learning. We call this assessment as and for learning. This will continue in all delivery modes.
- Students from each class will complete the same final assessment.

*Is this just a solution for academics during the pandemic?*

- No. We feel that this will become the core of our playbook to support all of our students in being academically successful.

*What else do I need to know?*

- Please note there may be dates in which physical attendance is required. These dates will be communicated from the teacher in advance.
- Student-athletes require their own device (tablet or laptop computer) that has access to WIFI.
- To facilitate the hybrid virtual and physical classroom the following modalities will include but not be exclusive to: Google Classroom, Zoom, Google Meet, and Google Suite.
- For more information about HyFlex models in post-secondary institutions and secondary schools, we suggest that you visit the following links.
  - o [7 Things you should know about the HyFlex course model](#)
  - o [HyFlex Learning](#)
  - o [Blended Learning Models](#)
  - o [The Blended Learning Models that can help schools reopen](#)





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