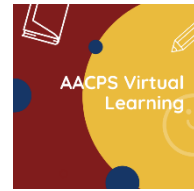




Secondary Small Group Time



The goal of small group time is to provide meaningful learning support opportunities for secondary students. All students will interact within structured small groups to increase the quality learning experience. **Consistent implementation of this time across AACPS is essential to systemic success.** Coordinators will generate additional content specific examples and supports as appropriate to be distributed through Department Chairs.

What small group time is:

Small Group instructional time (20 min) is a learning block immediately following the core class instructional time (50 min) for teachers to work with selected students and for students to work independently or in small study groups on classwork, assignments, homework, and long term projects. Small group time is mandatory, so students remain in the class period's Google Meet. The teacher will open a [second Google Meet](#) for students to join for teacher-facilitated small group instruction.

This small group time is designed for the teacher to facilitate learning with a group of students who:

- Need additional support in order to master the standard
- Need some pre-teaching in order to be successful in an upcoming lesson
- Would benefit from purposeful extension of a targeted concept or content

This is also time for small groups of students to engage in learning who are **not** part of the teacher-facilitated group by providing opportunities to:

- Redo, make-up work or continue an assignment
- Preview concepts or skills
- Collaborate with peers to study, practice concepts/skills, or provide peer-feedback (Engage in break-out groups for discussion of a concept)

What small group time is not:

Small group is **not** time to:

- Dismiss students - small group time is part of the learning block
- Continue teaching new instruction or extend the daily lesson beyond 50 minutes - the **core** lesson should have closure at the end of 50 minutes
- Finish an assessment (quiz or test) started in class period that should be completed within the class period (unless extended time is related to an accommodation)
- Assign 'extra' or unfinished classwork to complete because it is something that we "didn't get to" during class time