

# Student Support Services Minnetonka Public Schools



Dear Parents and Guardians of Students with 504 Plans,

Please know we are thinking about your children and you while we actively plan for e-learning and support for all students. Our building 504 coordinators are available via email for any questions throughout the school closure. Our 504 coordinators will ask staff to be mindful of students' 504 plans, noting we recognize that many of these program supports are more relevant for in-person, real-time teaching. We will support 504 plans to the best extent possible.

We will work with you and monitor the impact on the delivery of Section 504 program changes throughout this school closure period. In addition, the 504 coordinators will continue to work with all general education teachers that support your child's learning.

Please note, in a school closure situation, as we are in, schools/districts are not required to provide services to students eligible for special education and/or section 504 services during that period of time. However, with this, we want to assure you that we are actively planning for all students and plan to maintain, to the best of our ability, your child's 504 program supports. Our staff go above and beyond on a daily basis and are thoughtfully working through their students' plans, schedules and lesson delivery.

If at any time you have questions about your child's plan and programming as we go forward, please reach out to your building 504 coordinator, your child's teacher(s) or your principal.

We will continue working closely with all staff to best meet your child's needs. We will continue to monitor guidance from our leaders at the state level, as well as the U.S. Department of Education and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. As a leadership team, we will continue to update parents and staff with any new information. Much is in process, and we will work together with you in this new system and update you as we move forward and continue to evolve our new ways of teaching and learning.

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/MDE032087>

<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature>

We also know that students may experience anxiety during this time. Attached are a few resources for parent support.

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

<https://www.tapinto.net/categories/guest-column/articles/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus-2>

We value you as our parent partners and plan to work closely and collaboratively with you on your child's support.

Please take care!

Sincerely,

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