

2020-2021

BACK SCHOOL Plans



A RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FOR MARYVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
STUDENTS | FAMILIES | EMPLOYEES

OUR GOAL

To return to school for the 2020-21 school year with protocols and guidelines in place to protect students, staff, and families from the potential spread of COVID-19. Every school will offer traditional classroom instruction, as well as digital learning options, to meet the needs of students and families during this unique and challenging time.

OUR PROCESS

The MCS Leadership Team, along with central office support staff and school-based teams, have reviewed a wide variety of resources, studied guidelines, and worked diligently to create plans for returning to school - aligned with our specific needs and limitations.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We promise to be responsive to the needs of our students and follow COVID-19 guidance in the most reasonable and practical ways possible.
- We promise to communicate throughout the planning process to ensure all stakeholders have the benefit of knowing where we are in the planning process.
- We promise to create detailed plans for each school that will allow for customization based on the age of students, the capacity for teachers to meet the needs of each student, and the operational limitations of each facility.
- We promise to work collaboratively - seeking guidance from a broad range of experts and professionals.
- We promise to seek feedback from stakeholders during planning and after the plan takes effect as well. We know that our shared mission is best served by including the thoughts and concerns of many.
- We believe offering options for traditional or digital instruction will give students the best opportunity to be successful while meeting each student's social, emotional, nutritional, and academic needs in the safest environment possible.

AS GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY SPREAD, THIS PLAN IS LIKEWISE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY AND PATIENCE.

Mike Winstead
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

OUR PLANS

Detailed Back-to-School plans for both instructional and operational purposes can be found at this link:

bit.ly/2020MCS

In addition to all school and district plans, this website will provide access to all COVID-19 communication as well.

The key elements of all plans include:

- Increased measures to support greater hygiene and cleanliness
- Classroom and small group procedures that decrease human interactions and optimize cleanliness
- Arrival, dismissal, and student transitions or travel that minimize human interactions
- Guidance for face coverings
- Provisions for daily student and staff health checks
- Traditional and digital learning options
- Limits to on-campus visitation
- Collaboration with local health authorities to properly respond to and report confirmed cases of COVID-19

OUR TIMELINE

- 6/4/2020 Leadership Team planning meeting
- 6/8/2020 Update to families with survey questions
- 6/21/2020 Update to families
- **6/29/2020 Distribute draft school plans to all families with feedback requested by July 5**
- 7/8/2020 Distribute final school plans to all families
- 7/8 - 7/12 Window for families to select either the traditional or digital learning options
- 7/30/2020 School Opens

--As of 6/29/2020

