

ACMS Student Return Plan 9-1-20

Hello, Bulldog Family! As you may now be aware, the MCSD has shared the updated plan for students choosing to return to school beginning with our 6th graders on September 14th. All other students choosing to return to school will return on September 21st. Currently, parents still have the choice of returning your student to the traditional (in-person) setting at the school building or opting for virtual learning. The details from the MCSD for declaring the choice you make for each child still includes that the commitment that it be for the 9 week period. Each school has flexibility to make the logistics of the day work for their unique physical layout and population. The notes below will help you understand how our building is planning operate under the traditional return so that you are prepared to make an informed decision:

*first, and foremost, if your child is showing any signs of illness, please keep them at home.

*parents are encouraged bring your child to school to minimize the number of students using buses.

*temperature screenings for adults and students entering the building will take place. Any student or adult registering a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked to go home.

*all faculty, staff and students will be required to wear masks while in the school building throughout the day as feasible. Teachers have been asked to build in mask down time where distancing allows and where it is feasible.

*parents are encouraged to provide the masks of choice for their children and keep reusable masks properly cleaned (start practicing now for a smooth transition).

*students who cannot wear a mask or face covering should consider the virtual option.

*only faculty, staff and students will be allowed to enter the buildings for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

*we cannot guarantee a 6 feet distance in the building or on campus at all times but will promote and encourage the importance of appropriate distancing and proper hygiene. Depending on numbers from class to class, distancing will be a challenge in certain classrooms.

*visitors during the day must wear a mask. Visitors will be limited to the office area and must have administrator approval or a prior scheduled appointment with school personnel to go to any other destination in the building.

*students will be supervised from drop off until pick up time but may travel the hallways without direct supervision at various times throughout the day.

*as students enter the building, they will report directly to their ILT classroom in an attempt to avoid large gatherings of students in any common area.

*students will participate in all assigned learning environments to include art, music, all connections classes, and gym under the direction of teachers.

*it is our plan that student schedules and teachers will not change at this point in the school year regardless of your choice in type of instruction. If a situation arises where this is necessary, parents and students will be notified.

*classroom instruction will continue for the most part as it has been done up to this point in the school year. This will more than likely continue to be the model as long as students have the virtual option. The advantages for students being in-person will be in day-to-day routines, classroom supervision and monitoring, and limited student socialization.

* our current plan is for students to eat lunch in their classrooms under the supervision of the classroom teacher so as to follow current distancing practices to the best of our ability and as space allows. This may change if conditions permit.

*students' breakfast (for those that choose it) will be served as a grab and go option and students will report to and eat in their ILT classrooms.

*water fountains with disposable cups may be available, however, students are encouraged to bring a pre-filled water bottle from home to maintain healthy hydration throughout the day.

*students will change classes as usual with teachers monitoring hallways and encouraging proper distancing to the extent possible. Individuals or small groups will be allowed to visit needed school destinations such as the media center, restroom, etc.

*parents will not be allowed to join their students for school meals or deliver food at meal time.

*treats for classes for special events are discouraged.

*safety precautions for check outs still require that a photo ID be presented even though parents and those designated by the parents will begin school with the expectation to notify the office in writing or via phone of the scheduled pick up. Our initial plan will be to ask of you to report to the main office door/window where the photo ID will be checked and verified before the student is released.

*the district will dictate daily cleaning requirements to our contracted custodial company and our faculty and staff will also take part in maintaining a clean environment.

*a staggered dismissal will be in place at the end of the day to release bus riders, walkers, and car riders.

*adjustments to this plan will be made as needed.

*If you wish to change your original choice in instruction type, you may do so up to noon on Friday, September 4th. The link to make that change can be found on our school district website under Digital Learning Resources.

*decisions regarding all aspects for school operations are continuing to be explored and will be continually monitored and adjustments made as deemed necessary or appropriate.

