



Return to Learn Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are we returning to school?

Yes, school will resume on Monday, August 31, 2020 for in-person learning five day a week for ALL students. If at any time we move to Phase 3, as mandated by Governor Whitmer, we will be required to return to at-home learning.

2. Do students have to wear masks?

Students in grades K-5 are NOT required to wear masks in their classroom, but MUST wear a mask in the hallway.

Students in grades 6-8 are required to wear a mask at all times, excluding outdoor recess, lunch, during band class or if outdoors for a class.

3. Can students wear face shields?

No. It is not known if face shields provide any benefit as source control to protect others from the spray of respiratory particles. The CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings.

4. Can students wear a neck gaiter instead of a mask?

Yes. Although we prefer cloth masks, we understand some children may not be able to wear a mask over their ears the entire day. Neck gaiters must remain over the student's nose and mouth at all times. Gaiters must be solid in color; grey, navy blue, or white .

5. My child is in middle school and has PE class, where will they change their clothes?

In order to provide social distancing, middle school students that have a scheduled PE class will be permitted to wear their PE uniform to school. Students will have scheduled times to change into their daily uniform once PE class is over. Students must bring their uniform to school daily.

6. What is cohorting?

Where a group of students (and sometimes teachers) stay together throughout the school day to minimize exposure for students, teachers, and staff across the school environment.

Middle school students will be placed in cohorts this year and teachers will travel to the classroom, unless they are traveling to a special class. Students will remain with the same group of students for the entire day to try and narrow children's exposure to COVID-19.

7. Will students exchange classes?

Students in grades K-8 will remain with their cohort of students the entire day. Students will only leave the classroom for special classes, honors classes, outdoor recess, and bathroom breaks.

8. Will surfaces be cleaned in between special classes?

Yes, as soon as a class leaves a special classroom, the teacher will clean/disinfect all surface areas including desk, chairs and supplies before the next class of students enters.

9. Will the school do daily temperature checks?

No, it is not a requirement. Parents are asked to do a temperature check before arriving at school. We are equipped with many thermometers and will provide temperature checks on an as-needed basis.

10. If I choose to keep my child home, what will at-home learning look like?

We are currently working to develop an at-home learning plan should you choose for your child to stay home. We will send the details in regards to the plan in the weeks to come.

11. If I choose at-home learning will my child be able to return to in-school learning?

Yes, but they must return at the end of the current quarter.

12. What will band class look like?

Students will participate in band class with masks, but will remove them when playing instruments. Students will be distanced more than six feet apart while using instruments. Class may also take place outdoors, weather permitting.

13. Will students have recess?

Yes, students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to go outside for recess. Students will be socially distanced and not required to wear masks.

14. Will AOD hot lunch be available?

Yes, hot lunch will be available and delivered to the classrooms.

15. Will EPTG hot dog and pizza days still be available to purchase?

Yes, lunches will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be minor changes made to ensure social distancing protocols are followed.