



## **Medina Central School District Re-Opening Plan 2020 FAQs**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

#### **Will there be temperature checks?**

*All students will be scanned for temperature prior to their arrival. For those riding the bus, this will occur before boarding the bus. For those walking, driving, or being dropped off, this will occur at the designated student entrances.*

#### **What happens if there is a positive COVID-19 case reported to the school by a parent?**

*If there is a positive case reported to the school, the school will IMMEDIATELY notify the Orleans County Department of Health, who will assume control in terms of contact tracing, ordering isolation of students and staff, and quarantine efforts.*

#### **Will we know if there is a positive case of COVID in the school?**

*We will notify the district of a positive case in the school. Privacy laws prevent us from identifying who was infected, but parents will be informed of the impacted school building.*

#### **What if my child exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19?**

***PLEASE - KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME AND CALL YOUR DOCTOR***

#### **What if my child exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at school?**

*That child will be immediately separated from the rest of the student body, sent home, and the Department of Health will be notified.*

#### **If my child is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, what will be required to return to school?**

*In order to return to school, a student will need documentation from a health care provider, a negative COVID-19 test, and being symptom-free.*

#### **How many people in a building have to test positive before a building is shut down?**

*We will monitor illness and symptoms closely. In addition to monitoring symptoms and positive cases, we seek guidance from the Orleans County DOH to determine if and when a building needs to be shut down.*

**If a student or teacher's family member tests positive, will that person be required by the district to report it and will they have to stay home?**

*If there is a member in the household that has tested positive for COVID-19, Medina CSD requires student/staff members to stay home and contact their physician and the Orleans County DOH. The DOH will direct the person and district when it is safe for the person to return to school.*

**Is there a contact tracing system in place?**

*All visitors are required to sign in and be screened. By keeping track of where people are in the building, including knowing students' schedules and the pathways they travel in buildings, we will be able to assist in contact tracing in conjunction with the Orleans County DOH.*

**What PPE equipment will students have? Will they be taught how to use it?**

*Students will be masked during the school day (aside from breaks or those with underlying health conditions) and will adhere to social distance guidelines. Part of returning to school will be classroom lessons on masking, social distancing, COVID and minimizing the spread of germs through hand hygiene practices. These lessons are in development through teacher teams and will be grade-level appropriate. We will monitor and adjust our practices as needed.*

**When can students remove their masks? If they get breaks, how long are they?**

*Mask breaks will be planned by teachers and administrators for students in an age appropriate manner. Students will not wear masks while eating meals*

**What if my child refuses to wear a mask?**

*Students who refuse to wear masks without a documented medical reason, or remove them at times where social distancing is not possible, will receive additional instruction regarding their use. If your child continually refuses to wear a mask, s/he may be required to switch to virtual learning.*

**How will air flow in the schools be handled?**

*Our recently completed HVAC system upgrades have been very beneficial for our air flow. The computer system that handles airflow has been modified to bring in the maximum amount of fresh air into all rooms of the district at all times. Additionally, the air intakes for each heating/cooling unit in each classroom will be drawing in fresh air from outside of the building.*

## **IN PERSON INSTRUCTION**

### **Will my child have to wear a mask while outside, and 12 feet apart during PE instruction?**

*No. Once your child is 12 feet from all other individuals and prepared to participate in PE instruction, their masks can be removed. Masks will be worn during transitions to and from, when distancing cannot be maintained.*

### **Can a PreK - 6th grade student follow a schedule like HS, ½ in school and ½ virtual?**

*PreK-6 was prioritized to be in person, per the guidance from NYSED. Your family is able to choose between in-person instruction 5 days per week OR virtual instruction 5 days per week.*

### **Why is our plan different than \_\_\_\_\_ School District?**

*Each district developed a plan to meet/exceed the guidelines set forth for the re-opening of schools. Each individual district developed a plan to host students based on the capacity of the physical buildings to maintain social distancing during instruction. Each district varies in the amount of space that they are able to use, and the amenities within each building that allows for different provisions. MCSD is committed to safely educating each student, with the greatest amount of in-person instruction possible while also allowing parents/guardians to make a personal decision about their child's attendance, in-person or virtual.*

### **How long do parents have to commit to their choice for in school or virtual learning? Is in school to virtual learning more fluid than virtual learning to in school?**

*The expectation is that parents/guardians commit to a mode of learning (in-person or fully virtual) from the first day of school (commitment due to district via virtual survey or hard copy form for each student by August 14th) through the completion of the first semester (January).*

### **Can students still carry water bottles at school?**

*Yes, they are encouraged. Traditional drinking fountains will not be available per NYSED guidelines. We do have many fountains with water bottle filling capabilities that will be operational.*

### **Can High School students still attend BOCES?**

*Yes, students can attend BOCES on the days they attend High School.*

**Will my child still be able to get lunch from the cafeteria? And what does lunch time look like each day?**

*At Oak Orchard Elementary, students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 will eat in their classrooms. They will have the opportunity to select from the daily cafeteria menu and lunch will be delivered to the classroom. Grades 2 and 3 will eat in the cafeteria. They will have the same four lunch options to choose from. All students are welcome to bring their own lunch from home, however, no sharing of food is permitted.*

*At Wise, all students will be eating lunch while seated spaced out in one of the two Wise cafeterias, scheduled by grade level. Plans have been put into place to appropriately social distance students while eating, that will still allow for students to interact socially at the same time. Serving lines and both cafeterias will be thoroughly cleaned between groups entering the cafeteria. Our cafeteria staff has been busy working with the child nutrition guidelines to devise a menu that includes nutritious lunches to students, that can be served in an efficient manner.*

*At Medina High School, all students will be eating lunch while seated spaced out in the cafeteria. Students will be assigned a 20 minute lunch period during one of the four lunch periods. Plans have been put into place to appropriately social distance students while eating, there will be 2-3 students per table. Serving lines will be thoroughly cleaned between groups entering the cafeteria. Our cafeteria staff has been busy working with the child nutrition guidelines to devise a menu that includes nutritious lunches to students, that can be served in an efficient manner.*

**My child has an IEP and is in grades 7-12, can they attend everyday instead of 2-3 days per week?**

*Students with an identified higher level of disability-specific needs, per the re-opening guidance from the New York State Education Department, were prioritized for daily attendance. Those families have been notified via phone call from the Director of Special Programs. If you have any questions about IEP services or attendance for your child with an IEP, please call Alexandra DiLaura at 585-798-4032.*

**My child has an IEP, will their IEP be followed and services delivered?**

*Per Federal and State guidelines, districts are expected to implement each student's IEP to the greatest extent possible. If any services will differ from what is indicated on the IEP (in frequency, duration, location, etc.) the student's lead teacher and/or provider will communicate any alterations with the parent, and document the conversation/attempt to contact the parent/guardian. We strive to meet all outlined student needs while maintaining the greatest measure of safety. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's services, please contact Alexandra DiLaura at 585-798-4032.*

**How much will students move from classrooms? Will just teachers/staff members rotate and still travel between buildings?**

*Our K-6 students will remain in the classroom with movement breaks and recess built in throughout the school day. Special area teachers will deliver instruction in the student's classroom. Physical Education (PE) will make use of outdoor spaces, as available and weather permitting. 7-12 students will transition from class to class, with staggered transitions and one-directional hallways to minimize congregation.*

**VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION**

**Can I choose any class to take if I choose virtual instruction?**

*In order to allow for fluidity between virtual and in-person, full time attendance students must complete all of their coursework as if they were attending in person.*

**What does virtual instruction/scheduling look like if my child is receiving complete or partial virtual instruction?**

*Instruction will take place both synchronously and asynchronously. Students will be expected to engage in daily lessons/lesson activities in each content area, and instruction and assignments will be delivered and monitored by a certified teacher. The expectation for student/teacher engagement has been increased since the Spring semester. New learning/content will be presented beginning in September 2020.*

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Will my child's chromebook be capable of two way video interaction (Google Meets with a teacher)?**

*Yes, your child will be able to use their district assigned chromebook to participate in two way video meetings/lessons. There will be restrictions by class/grade level/building, and if the use of the chromebook camera is abused, it will be disabled and a personal device will need to be used. This provision will allow for students to use their school device for instruction and for teachers and students to engage with one another, regularly, face-to-face.*

**What do I do if I do not have WiFi access at home for my child who is fully or partially virtual?**

*Free WiFi is available to be accessed in all school parking lots. The district is also working to create a document that will list many community locations with free WiFi access/passwords. Please continue to watch our website for free community WiFi hot-spots. Google classroom also has the capability to work "offline". Your child's assignments must be downloaded/prepared while on a WiFi connection, but one disconnected will still be able to be accessed/completed. Once WiFi connection is reestablished assignments can be submitted.*

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Are masks required on the school bus?**

*Yes, masks are required to board a school bus. If a student does not have a mask, one will be provided.*

### **If I opt-out of transportation, can I opt back in?**

*Yes, however it may take several days to readjust the routes accordingly to accommodate your request. Once your request is complete you will receive notification from the Transportation Department.*

## **GRADING**

### **How is grading going to be completed for virtual instruction? Will it be different than last year?**

*Student's grades will be determined based on their progress toward mastery of the standards set forth by NYSED for each content area/subject. Students must demonstrate their progress in the designated standards.*