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Fall 2020 Safe Learning Plan

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The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has set thresholds for schools to reopen safely. The state’s fall school plan is based on a formula that uses COVID-19 infection rates over 14 days in our county (Washington County). Under this plan, school districts have some flexibility in selecting the scenario that works best for their community – in-person learning at school, distance learning at home or hybrid learning which is typically seen as a combination of both. **The district, individual schools or even classrooms may need to shift to a different learning scenario throughout the school year to address challenges related to COVID-19.**

Example of the state’s formula for schools to reopen safely: The bi-weekly case rate for Washington County from July 5-18 shows a 14.84 case rate, resulting in the recommendation of in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students.*

Number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days by county of residence	MDE Recommended Learning Model
0-9	In-person learning for all students
10-19*	In-person learning for elementary students; hybrid learning for secondary students
20-29	Hybrid learning for all students
30-49	Hybrid learning for elementary students; distance learning for secondary students
50+	Distance learning for all students

In-Person Learning

- All students will learn at school
- Social distancing as much as possible
- Face covering policy and guidelines for students/staff
- Personal protective equipment for students/staff
- Routines for hygiene education and practices
- Daily cleaning as usual, with frequent cleaning for high touch surfaces during the day (shared responsibility)
- COVID-19 program coordinator at each school
- Limit nonessential visitors
- Discontinue large gatherings that do not allow for social distancing
- Monitor for illness and exclude those with symptoms



Distance Learning

- Instruction will be consistent with learning prior to COVID-19
- Grades and cumulative grade points averages (GPA) will apply
- Daily attendance is required



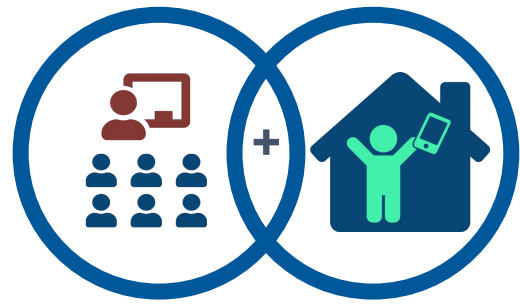
Students will learn at home and complete assignments in one of the following ways:

- **Remote Learning:** Learning activities are posted in SeeSaw and Schoology or may be an extension of in-person learning. Students will check and complete assignments and interact with teachers on their own schedule.
- **Real-Time Learning:** Students may be asked to login at a specific time to interact with their teacher and classmates through a live video platform. Students who cannot participate on a schedule will not be penalized as long as they complete their assignments. *Please note: real-time distance learning during hybrid learning will be less frequent.*

Hybrid Learning

Hybrid learning is the most complicated scenario due to scheduling, transportation and logistics.

- Students will learn through a combination of distance learning at home and in-person learning at school
- School buildings will be limited to 50% capacity
- Bus transportation will be limited to 50% capacity
- Social distancing of six feet at all times
- Students and staff will wear masks per the state’s guideline
- Sufficient staffing levels to meet requirements of the model



K-12 Scheduling

- All students in grades K-12 will be divided into **two groups by family** to reduce class size
 - Student group A (across grade levels by household)
 - Student group B (across grade levels by household)
- Each week, students in both groups will participate in a **combination** of in-person learning and distance learning (with a district-issued mobile device) by alternating between days
- Hybrid distance learning will allow for opportunities to have real-time learning through a live virtual classroom and learning activities both on and off a device.

Weekly Schedule

- **Mon/Wed: Student Group A** attends school in-person. Student Group B at home for distance learning.
- **Tue/Thu: Student Group B** attends school in-person. Student Group A at home for distance learning.
- **Fri: Flexible Instruction Day - All students** will learn on Fridays through one, or more, of the following ways:
 - Additional in-person learning opportunities (exams, labs, individual and small group learning)
 - Additional distance learning opportunities (either real-time learning or remote learning)
 - Advisory class

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
A	B	A	B	Flexible instruction day

Middle and High Schools (6-12)

The typical six-period day will be split into a three-period day.

- **For example:**
 - **First half of Trimester One:** Students will take periods 1-3 classes in Sept. and Oct.
 - **Second half of Trimester One:** Students will take periods 4-6 classes in Oct. and Nov.

Please note: Due to the complexities of the hybrid model, families will not be able to choose or change the day their child is scheduled for in-person or distance learning. Schedules will be assigned for all households in the district. For example, one family will receive either an A schedule or a B schedule for all students in their household regardless of grade level.