



MIDDLE SCHOOL

2020-2021 COVID-19 PLAN & FOCUS

WE LOVE OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS AND WANT THEM TO BE SAFE AND HEALTHY

WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING STUDENTS CONTINUE TO LEARN AT THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

ARRIVING

We will be utilizing our normal drop off and pick up areas, as well as the regular bus parking space. Bus and parent drop off times will begin at 7:50 a.m to accommodate an organized entry into each building.



We ask for your patience with increased traffic, which will strain the limited roadways in and around the school.



As students arrive on campus, they will be directed to an entry point nearest to their classrooms.



After dismissal, students will wait by family in pick up areas or load buses to assigned seats.

[School entry plan and map by grade level](#)

[Middle School Principal Note](#)

[5th grade Principal Note](#)

[Transportation Director note for all bus riders](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR: ON-SITE INSTRUCTION

Students will rotate between their regularly scheduled classes. Each period including lunch, will follow strict seating assignments to reduce the number of contacts throughout the school day.

- ✓ Masks to be worn by all students and staff
- ✓ Minimal classroom mixing
- ✓ Limited shared supplies
- ✓ Constant cleaning of shared spaces

SANITIZING EFFORTS

A daytime custodian has been hired to assist in the constant cleaning of shared spaces. Additional actions have also been taken to assist in keeping as safe and healthy environment.



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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Whether your child will be participating on-site or virtually during the 2020-2021 school year, there are some important technology updates and resources for you.



- [Chromebook/iPad Systems Check](#)
- [Chromebook FAQ's](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will online learning be available if we decide to keep our child home?

A: Remote learning will be an option. The options vary depending on the governor's phases. Please refer to the opening plans presented by schools in the Flathead.

Q: Will we be notified if there is a case of COVID in the school even if our child was not in contact with that child or person?

A: Schools will inform the public, but the personal information of the student is protected by privacy laws.

Q: Will the school close if there is one case of COVID?

A: Maybe. Flathead County Health will connect with the close contacts of that person and follow the guidelines on their website with regard to quarantine time and procedures. We will work as quickly as possible to identify all the close contacts before bringing students back on campus. If we have to close school to allow time for contacting close contacts we will. [Here are the guidelines](#)

Q: Will the kids have to wear masks in the classrooms?

A: Yes, masks were mandated by the Governor's Office on August 12th.

Q: What can communities do to support schools to reopen safely for in-person instruction?

A: Parents can help by continuing to take precautions, including masks, social distancing, and hand washing. We also ask you to be patient and tolerant of the new procedures. We simply want to be with our students assisting them in growing their skills, talents and abilities.

[See more FAQs here](#)

CHOOSING TO GO VIRTUAL?

All students choosing a virtual option should contact the District Office by end of the day:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

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