

MORCS Executive Administrator Board Report

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I. Instructional Program Preparations for the Fall

As YPICS schools plan to reopen, we are considering how our instructional programs must be modified in order to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and families. The main way that the instructional program is affected is the reduction of class sizes to ensure that social distancing is enforced at all times and in all classrooms. Therefore, the schedule for each week of instruction at MORCS reflects two main cohorts of students (A & B) who are on campus on different days.

While the following schedule reflects how MORCS intends to begin the school year, it is important to note that there may certainly be the need to transition to a different model or models during the school year, as more information becomes available regarding health and safety in our school communities.

Lastly MORCS is devising a way to support a third, smaller cohort of students and families who wish to engage in all distance-learning, due to health concerns.

| Mondays | Tuesdays-Fridays |
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| Distance Learning, Staff Development & Supporting high-need students (ie. resource students, english learners, academically struggling students) | ABAB Model |

LEARNING METHODOLOGIES

In the fall, instruction will take place mainly in the classroom or at home using online tools and resources. The combination of in-person and online instruction can be called blended (or hybrid) learning. Within this general framework, YPICS high and middle schools are each taking a slightly different approach to blended learning.

At BCCS and MORCS, students are engaging in the flipped classroom model. This means that teachers are only focusing their attention on the students in the classroom. However, they have previously prepared structured tasks, projects, materials and resources for students to engage in while working from home. In this model, our online students will be engaging in asynchronous learning.

II. Virtual Culmination Update

117 MORCS 8th graders are culminating this spring! Due to unforeseen circumstances, the virtual ceremony has been postponed to **July 2nd at 5pm**. YPICS staff and board members are invited to attend at the following link: tinyurl.com/morcsculmination

III. Enrollment Update

The current MORCS enrollment numbers are as follows:

| 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
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| 89 | 117 | 120 |

We are implementing the following to increase enrollment:

- Current families are being called one-by-one to ask them to recommend new families to MORCS
- We are sending 1200 flyers to local families advertising our school
- We are putting up 12 banners on local major streets advertising MORCS
- Working to coalesce and align all of our social media outreach including the website/facebook/youtube/instagram and to advertise using the following media:
 - the enrollment flyer
 - morcs promotional music video (made by zepeda)
 - student/staff/alumni/parent testimonials videos
 - virtual school tour videos
 - 3D school tour
 - tiktok video (featuring the MORCS staff)

IV. Health and Safety Preparations for the Fall

Our team is coordinating the following preparations for Health and Safety in the fall:

- Masks for all students / staff
- Air purifiers in each classroom.
- Frequent disinfection of all classrooms
- Strict social distancing
 - Students / staff 6 feet away at all times
- Class sizes of 15 students or less
- Daily symptom checks (including temperature taking)
- Exposed students / staff are required to stay home for 14 days, and must be screened before returning.