

Middle School Plan B FAQ

What are some basic rules for being in the building?

- Masks on at all time, over mouth AND nose (except when eating-- see below)
- MINIMIZE Movement. Students stay in one seat, in one class
- Staff should also minimize movement throughout the day. You will rotate classes but avoid lots of trips to the copy room, to your own desk, etc. Keep all of your personal belongings and lunches with you to minimize lots of people going in & out of small spaces.
- Use the hand sanitizer installed in every room upon entering each room
- Bookbags and all personal belongings stay with the student at their seat (no storage cubbies or hallways)
- Kids stay 6 feet apart.
- Bathrooms are 1 at time, no more than 2 waiting on marked spots in hall (see below)
- If a student is feeling sick or not complying, use the hangout and a support person will come get them
- Keep air purifiers on and where feasible, keep doors and windows open
- Materials are passed out to students (or collected) by staff (kids do not get up and move around the room)
- Students pack ALL their own trash back out with them
- Be outside where possible
- No need to sanitize spaces except after eating (this will be done daily by our cleaning crews.)
- Leave doors open when leaving the space at the end of the day.

What happens during arrival and dismissal?

These will both look very different from past years.

Arrival:

- NO DROP OFFS/WALK UPS. All students must be accompanied by an adult and screened before the adult leaves the student in our care for the day.
- The screening questions/attestations will happen at home to save arrival time and to recognize that some kids will be riding in a carpool without their own parent/guardian.
- Teachers will be in rooms supervising kids as they arrive; support staff will have assigned duties to assist with check ins

Dismissal:

- Students stay in rooms with their teacher
- Duty stations outside will check in cars and type in the names into a big Google doc

- Teachers will project the list and send kids, 1 at a time as they care called. (See more details on the link above)
- Once our numbers are low enough that we can keep any remaining kids socially distant, we will bring them to the parking lot of Wellness space in bad weather to wait for their rides.
- Teachers are done with their supervision duties once their students have been cleared from their rooms.

Is there before or after care?

No, no options for that at this time. No way to keep distancing and not enough people to staff it.

What do I do if a student can't/won't keep their mask on?

Keeping their mask on properly is **essential** for safety. Students who can't/won't wear masks properly will need to switch to fully virtual learning. When this happens due to behavioral issues, immediately call for a support person to escort the student to the office and we will send them home. There can be one warning for something like a slipping mask that can be quickly adjusted, but there are no warnings for refusal to comply. (We will be asking families to sign an agreement about all these policies.) Use the hangout for your rotation (not created yet). To quote Coach Eddie Hardin, "If you don't COMPLY, GOODBYE."

What if a student needs a smaller mask or a new mask?

We have a bunch of child-sized masks and disposable masks. Send a message on the hangout for your rotation (not created yet) and a support person will bring you a mask for the student.

What is the schedule for Fridays?

Fridays will be virtual for all students. Crews can plan coursework, activities, check ins, asynchronous, etc as they wish.

Do we have to teach every subject?

No. Use the 4 days of in-person to do the things your students will most benefit from. Consider the types of things that are most challenging to do virtually. Teams can plan for that in person time according to your own priorities.

Do we have to stay on campus for planning?

No. Your planning time is for you and your team. You may use it however and wherever you need. We will ask, however, that teachers stay in their rooms until most of the students are dismissed. (see above for "Dismissal."

Will there be EC Services? Will the EC schedule change?

Yes! EC staff is working with teams to help craft schedules and will be on campus in rotating schedules to teach and support.

Will there be Intervention & Counseling?

Yes! We are working on the rotation and schedules. Interventions and some counseling groups may need to still meet virtually be they have mixed groups of students. Counseling support will be on campus each day.

What are the rules for recess and lunch?

<u>Here they are!</u> I am asking folks to sign up for their recess and lunch times/locations so we don't have awkward traffic jams and need a dance-off to determine turf. You'll find those sign ups in the document linked here, and also in the Front Desk Classroom.

What are the 100% virtual students doing?

You should provide them with work for those 4 days, plus a daily live check in option at a time/s you specify.

What about bathroom breaks?

- Students can be released 1 at a time for bathroom
- They should use hand sanitizer upon reentering the room
- 1 student at a time in the bathroom
- If it's occupied, kids should wait outside on the marked dots
- If more than 2 students are waiting, the 3rd to arrive should return to class and try again in a few minutes

How can I get help from a support person?

Deb, Mary Margaret, and Koren will be on campus each day. Also, counseling and Michelle P will be present at least some of the time. If you need support you can message the individual directly via hangouts OR you can send a message to the hangouts group for your rotation as an "all call" for help from any available person (not created yet, but coming soon).

Can we use the hooks in the hallway?

No. Students need to keep their materials with them at their seat.

Can students drink from a water bottle?

Water fountains are closed, but students can bring a filled water bottle. They can drink from their bottle while at their table since they are 6 feet apart. However, they need to raise their hands and ask for permission to raise (rather than remove) their mask.

What happens if a student feels sick during the day?

The student needs to go to the quarantine room (portioned off section of the media center). You can either send them to walk downstairs or use your rotations hangout to call for a support person to escort them. Any kid feeling sick will be quarantined and sent home regardless of temperature.

What happens if I feel sick during the day?

You should leave immediately. Message Deb for coverage. We are finalizing all the other logistics and requirements!

What happens if I feel sick the night before or need to quarantine?

- Message Deb as soon as possible
- If you can, call one of the subs on our list
- Fill out the leave form as soon as it's convenient
- We may need to cancel your class for that day or longer if we cannot provide in-person coverage.
 We are very, very tight on personnel for coverage.

NEW Questions:

Can we take our groups outside for instruction/activities?

Yes, absolutely! If this is the plan for your grade level, we will set up the traffic flow pattern to minimize students passing each other in the halls/passing other classes. Depending on where your base room is, there will be a different exit pattern (kind of like fire drills.)

Do kids have to stay at their desks?

Yes, where possible. However, they can (and should!!) have stretch breaks, use wiggle stools, etc. Minimize students movement into other spaces, but they should be given chances (maybe even guided by the teacher) to stand up, move, shake out their feet, stretch, etc. Consider maybe a few moments of stretching/energizing every 30-60 minutes.