

Marmaduke School District Ready for Learning Plan 2021-2022

The Marmaduke School District (MSD) has developed a ready for learning plan with the goal of providing an excellent educational experience while maintaining the safest environment possible.

The district will follow the guidance of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in developing and implementing this plan. The plan will be revised as additional guidance is provided from the ADH and DESE. Be sure to visit the website on a regular basis to stay current on the latest procedures and guidelines.

School will begin in the Marmaduke School District on Monday, August 16, 2021.

MSD will not be offering a full-time virtual learning option. However, for our AMI days or in the case of an extended school closure, we will have virtual learning as an option. This will also be available if students are still having to be quarantined.

MSD will be using Lincoln Learning (LMS) to fulfill our AMI, extended closure and quarantine needs. We will also be using Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams as an additional means to meet this requirement. Students will attend a full day of school, five days a week.

Transportation

At this time, there are no changes to scheduled bus routes. However, routes will be updated as needed to provide the safest and most efficient transportation of students.

Hand sanitizer will be available for students to use as they get on and off the bus. All buses will be sanitized after each route.

Field trips will be allowed.

Parents and Visitors

Student drop off and pick up lines will remain the same. However, this is subject to change depending on the amount of traffic in these areas.

Parents and guardians will be able to walk their children in the school in the elementary for the first week, but not in the high school. They may walk their child to the school entrance after the first week,

Communication with all stakeholders is an important aspect of the plan. The district will utilize the school website, Apagegy, and Facebook in order to provide ongoing and timely communication.

Open House will be on site and in person as will Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Health and Safety

Awards ceremonies, gatherings and school functions will be held as normal.

Water fountains will be in use, and we will also have water bottle refill stations available. Students will be able to bring water from home in clear containers. The student's name must be on the bottle.

Students will receive instruction regarding the importance of frequent hand washing, cough etiquette, and other steps to reduce the risk of spreading infections.

Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and in the cafeteria.

Each teacher will be provided with disinfecting supplies. Custodians will disinfect often touched surfaces throughout the day. Each classroom will be disinfected at night. School buses will be disinfected after each route.

Teachers and janitorial staff will be trained regarding the effective and safe use of sanitizers and disinfectants.

Academics

Students in grades 7-12 will have an opportunity to come to school before the first day in order to receive information such as scheduling, locker assignments, and orientation. The high school principal will be sending out more information regarding this matter at a later date.

Grades K-8 will use the Renaissance diagnostic test periodically throughout the year to identify and steer remediation of academic weaknesses.

Grades 9-12 will use the Star Assessment to assess students and identify areas of academic weak areas. MSD will utilize strategies during the school day as well as after school tutoring to remediate academic weaknesses.

Technology

In the event of a school closure, laptop computers will be distributed to each student. Curriculum and instruction will be provided through the internet if it is available in the home. If not, students can access curriculum and instruction by means of hot spots located on the school parking lot, as well as hot spots located around the district and county. If students do not have adequate internet connection and cannot travel to a hotspot, the district will have hot spots for the students to check out.

Laptops will be checked out from the classrooms under the guidance of the administration and technology department. Laptops will be checked back into each classroom.

If an unanticipated closure occurs students will be able to come to school at scheduled times to check out the needed technology. If a student is unable to come to school to check out the technology, then it will be delivered to them.

Nutrition

Both elementary and high school will be following their normal breakfast and lunch schedules in their respective cafeterias.

Parents and guardians will not be able to eat lunch with their child.

Outside food will be able to be delivered during the school day.

Students can bring lunch and a drink from home to be eaten during the schedule lunch period.

School Nurses

Unused classrooms will be used so that the school nurses can provide increased space for students while visiting the nurse. If students exhibit Covid-19 type symptoms parents will be contacted and students will be isolated from other students but within the view and constant care of the nurse.

If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will screen the student and check their temperature. If the temperature is over the ADH guidance, the student will be sent home and will need to be fever free for 48 hours without medication before returning to school. When the child returns to school, they will check in with the school nurse.

The ADH controls the procedures to follow if a staff member or student tests positive for Covid-19. MSD will follow the guidance and direction from the ADH.

If a student needs to see the nurse, the teacher will use the intercom to notify the office or call the nurse directly.

The nurse will respond in the same manner to notify the teacher when she is ready to see the students. This process will help ensure that the nurses office does not get overcrowded. If a student needs assistance to the nurses' office, assistance will be provided by the nurse or other school personnel.

Miscellaneous

Attendance Policy will be followed as it is written in the MSD Handbook.

Unless approved by the administration, visitors will not be allowed beyond the elementary and high school foyers.