

Frequently Asked Questions

We know there are many questions regarding the upcoming school year. Please submit your question here. You can submit as many responses as you would like. Please make sure to leave your name, number, and email address for us to reach you.

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District Items

Question:	Answer:
Can I still sign up for Family Flex?	Here is a link to the Family Flex information. Students can still make changes but registration now happens by contacting the elementary school or high
In the Hybrid model, will the A group always attend Mon/Tue and the B group always be on Thurs/Friday?	No, on 4 day weeks, the district will assign the first two days for A group and the last two days as B group. In most 3 day weeks, the first day will be A, the next day will be B, and the last day will be a distance learning day. We will try to keep the amount of in-person learning equitable between the A/B groups.
Bus Tickets or bus changes?	This is a significant change. Families will have one pickup/drop off address. Our buses have to be able know who will be riding the bus to plan for social distancing. Because of this, there will be no daily bus ticket changes made by the elementary office. If you have any questions about bus changes, please contact Gayle Stassen or Chip Brandt at (320) 679-6230.
Bus route changes?	Buses will now have an elementary only route and a high only school route. If we go to the hybrid model, the route will be elementary A, elementary B, high school A, or high school B to allow for 6 feet of social distancing.
Is there childcare available?	Childcare is available for children of Tier 1 Essential workers only from 6:30-7:45 am (monthly fee based), 2:00-3:15pm (free) and from 3:15-4:15 (monthly fee based). No drop ins. Contact Kris Osterdyk with any questions you may have. kosterdyk@moraschools.org .

Are visitors allowed at the schools?	Based on recommended safety protocols, no visitors or volunteers are allowed into the building during school hours.
What if a student refuses to wear a mask?	Based on the Governor's executive order, masks are required to be worn in the building unless there is a medical reason or an accomodation in a special education IEP. Students will be referred to the building adminstrator to discuss the Family Flex learning model as an alternative.
Do face shields meet the requirements for the executive order instead of masks?	No, they do not. Face shields can be worn in addition to masks but in most situations, cannot be worn alone.
What COVID sanitizing and safety measures will be taken at school?	Along with requiring the wearing of a mask and promoting safe handwashing guidelines, we will be providing masks for students and staff. In addition, we will follow safe cleaning practices such as using disinfectants in buildings and buses and cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout the day..

Elementary Items

Question:	Answer:
Is there open house at the elementary? Is there open house for Family Flex students?	The elementary open house is from 3:30-7:30pm on Wednesday, Sept 2nd. Families with the last name A-F attend from 3:30-4:30, families with G-L attend from 4:30-5:30, families with M-R attend from 5:30-6:30 and S-Z attends from 6:30-7:30. Family Flex students can attend open house from noon-3 pm at the elementary media center. Contact your child's teacher or the elementary office with conflicts.
Will kids get recess?	Recess will be planned by homeroom teachers. Students will go out as a class, not as an entire grade level.
Will kids be able to use the playground equipment, specifically the slides and swings?	Students will be able to use the playground equipment on a rotating basis. We will be washing hands or sanitizing before and after recess. We will have different "playground zones" so classes are separated from one another. Zone examples are the playground, the tennis courts, the greenspace by the Nordic Center, etc.

Can students bring their own lunch? What will lunch look like?	Students can bring their own lunch if they choose. Lunch is a full ½ hour this year. Lunch will have two locations. K, 2, 4, and 6 will be in the commons area as normal. Spaced out as much as possible. 1st, 3rd, and 5th will be in the south gym (court 5).
Will students still get specialists?	Yes, with some changes. Specialists will come in on a rotating basis for 20-25 minutes daily. In most situations, specialists will go to the classroom or take them outside. Mr. Balmer has been moved to help with 6th grade so the computer lab will not be on the specialist schedule.
What are key changes in the schedule?	Our doors will not open until 7:45. At that time, students can go right to the classrooms (they may grab breakfast in the commons and bring it to their classroom to eat). We will dismiss car riders and walkers at 1:53. Buses depart at 2:00.
Bus Tickets or bus changes?	This is a significant change. Families will have one pickup/drop off address. Our buses have to be able know who will be riding the bus to plan for social distancing. Because of this, there will be no daily bus ticket changes made by the elementary office. If you have any questions about bus changes, please contact Gayle Stassen or Chip Brandt at (320) 679-6230.
Bus route changes?	Buses will now have an elementary route and a high school route. If we go to the hybrid model, the route will be elementary A, elementary B, high school A, or high school B to allow for 6 feet of social distancing.
Is there childcare available?	Childcare is available for children of Tier 1 Essential workers only from 6:30-7:45 am (monthly fee based), 2:00-3:15pm (free) and from 3:15-4:15 (monthly fee based). No drop ins. Contact Kris Osterdyk with any questions you may have. kosterdyk@moraschools.org .
Are visitors allowed at the schools?	Based on recommended safety protocols, no visitors or volunteers are allowed into the building during school hours.
Will my child be given a mask?	The state is sending each student a cloth mask. They are also sending extra disposable masks for distribution as needed by the offices. Mora Schools has also purchased an additional cloth mask for each student.

Will my child get a device? Will I need to pay a fee or sign a form?	We believe each child will be able to get a device if we have to go to the Hybrid or Distance Learning models. Grades that paid fees prior, will continue to pay the fee. This is for grades 6-12th. The younger grades will not need to pay the fee but will still need to sign the user agreement form that states they will take care of the device.
When is Picture Day?	Picture Day for PK-6th, staff and substitutes is September 21st. Preschool (Tuesday and Thursday classes) is on September 22nd. Picture Retake Day is October 28th.
High School	
Question:	Answer:
What will lunches look like?	-We will continue OPEN/OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH privileges this year for 11th and 12th graders. Multiple on-site locations will be used to create smaller student groups and promote social distancing.
What if a student refuses to wear a mask?	Based on the Governor's executive order, masks are required to be worn in the building unless there is a documented medical reason or an accomodation in a special education IEP. Students will be referred to the building adminstrator to discuss the Family Flex learning model as an alternative.
What COVID sanitizing and safety measures will be taken at school?	Along with requiring the wearing of a mask and promoting safe handwashing guidelines, we will be providing masks for students and staff. In addition, we will follow safe cleaning practices such as using disinfectants in buildings and buses and cleaning high-touch surfaces throughout the day..
How and when will my students get their schedule?	Students will be able to view their schedules online using StudentVue on Aug. 24th. If a student is unable to log-in to StudentVue, schedules will be available on the 1st day of school.
Do part-time PSEO students work from school when not in class?	If part-time PSEO students need to be in the HS building, they must be in the Stable.
How do I register for the Family Flex option?	Here is a link to the Family Flex information. Students can still make changes but registration now happens by contacting the elementary school or high school office. Family Flex Information
When will my students get their devices?	Devices will be distributed during the first week of school.

Is there a fee for devices this year?	Yes, each device has a \$40 fee. Scholarships are available for those students who qualify for it. Scholarship forms will be available in the HS office or Media Center.
Do I attend Open House?	Open House is ONLY for 7th graders and students new to Mora Schools and will be from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 2nd.
Are students using lockers this year?	Lockers will not be issued to all students because of Covid 19 guidelines. Backpacks are allowed in school. If this is a major inconvenience for your student, notify the office so we can come up with a plan.
How do parents/guardians deliver items (lunch, instruments, shoes) to their student(s)?	In order to lessen contact, parents should only deliver items to their student(s) if absolutely necessary. Mora High School will have a container outside the A2 door for items being dropped off and items will be brought into the building periodically. Parents are responsible for letting students know when an item has been delivered to the school.
When is the High School Picture Day?	-Picture Day: Tuesday, September 29, 2019 -Retake Day: Thursday, October 28, 2019
If we go to distance learning for high school how will my student study things like welding?	There will be virtual labs or alternative activities provided to help students learn the main concepts for those classes.