



*Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts*

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### **Public Service Announcement**

Date: June 30th, 2020

RE: Instruction Format for 20/21

To: Students and Families

The purpose of this announcement is to provide families with an understanding of current planning by the district for the 20/21 school year. The district is continuing to receive input from county and state agencies to guide our planning, and we expect more detailed information to be provided over the next several weeks. As guidance comes in we will update our information and share it when we can. As of today, we have sufficient information to share on the modality or instructional format for each of our campuses. The guiding factors impacting our planning are the sizes of classrooms and the current requirement of six-foot social distancing in assigned seats within a classroom.

#### Elementary School

The classrooms at our elementary school are large enough to accommodate most, if not all of our classes. There may need to be an overage classroom used for one or two classes where selected students can work independently with an aid, but otherwise, we are able to have all of our elementary students attend based on the current phase of our county.

Below is a list of our plans by phase in terms of how instruction will be provided:

- Phase 1 - Online only
- Phase 2 - Online only
- Phase 3 - Face-to-face instruction for all students
- Phase 4 - Face-to-face instruction for all students

#### Jr/Sr High School

Our classrooms at the Jr/Sr high school are smaller than those at the elementary school, which limits our ability to bring all the students back fully. This means that our Jr/Sr high school will have to be in a hybrid model that has some students on-site, some online, and a rotation between these two formats for all students.

Current planning has us looking at the following hybrid solutions:

- A/B Week - Students have one week on-site and then one week online.
- A/B Days - Students have two days on-site and then three days online each week.
- Academic Intensives - This model brings students in as small groups to participate in rigorous academic projects while other students are online.

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- Partial Days - Partial days on-site are being considered for all hybrid formats. This allows online students and staff to connect and attendance to be taken.

Below is a list of our plans by phase in terms of how instruction will be provided:

- Phase 1 - Online only
- Phase 2 - Online only
- Phase 3 - Hybrid instruction
- Phase 4 - Hybrid instruction

### Potential Impacts

The impact necessary for the district to bring back all students on-site fully is for the six-foot social distancing to be reduced or eliminated. If this were to occur we could bring back all of our students, however, until this occurs we will need to follow the state regulation and our current plans.

### Re-Opening Plan 2.0

The district re-opening plan has been updated with the information in this document, as well as, further information on a variety of subjects. You can find this document by clicking this [link](#).