



IDITAROD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Iditarod, The Heart of Alaska

SMART START 2020-2021

Together We Are Iditarod Strong!

PLANNING FOR THE START OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

As we plan for the beginning of the school year, we hope to introduce a blended learning model - face to face instruction complemented with home learning. Our goal is to balance the educational needs of students with the health and safety of staff, students, families and community.

Beginning the year with the most stable plan possible will increase the likelihood of us maintaining a delivery model for an extended period of time. As health conditions evolve, portions of this plan may change. We are working to finalize schedules and communicate details in the coming month.

- **Educational delivery will be followed by the *Risk Levels* illustrated below. Regular attendance will be expected, for grade, during assigned times.**
- **In order to provide the best service possible for students enrolled at McGrath School, McGrath School can offer a Distance Learning Only platform or the Attendance Platform (below). McGrath School students who choose Distance Learning Only must have internet access. Students who do not have internet access at home, or wish to design a home based curriculum should contact iasd.brightwayslearning.com or call 907-694-6100.**

IASD planning follows guidelines from the Alaska Departments of Education and Early Development (DEED) and Health and Social Services (DHSS). The following risk levels are defined by the State of Alaska. [AK SMART START 2020](#)

Low Risk

No Community Transmission

*No laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and no reported increase in the number of cases over the last 14 days.

Due to the size of our community, this data cannot be shared and we will rely instead on regional transmissions to determine risk.

Friday will be used in the beginning of the year for staff preparation time, professional learning, and disinfecting as we establish our blended learning model.

Given sustained low risk status, there will be an increase in face to face learning time.

Medium Risk

Some Community Spread

*Low to moderate level of community transmission: Minimal amount of laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 as determined by community.

Due to the size of our community, this data cannot be shared and we will rely instead on regional transmissions to determine risk.

Friday will be home learning (e-learning) all day for all students to provide staff preparation time, professional learning and disinfecting.

High Risk

Widespread Community Transmission

*High level of community transmission: Outbreaks or increases in cases and recent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.

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Green and Yellow risk levels have the same DHSS recommended guidelines for social distancing and other mitigation strategies. We anticipate starting the year in the Yellow level.

***unless the community is in HIGH RISK status.*

Provided our community sustains low risk (Green), we will begin to phase in additional face to face learning.



McGrath School

Low Risk

Medium Risk

High Risk

**MEALS: ALL breakfast and lunch meals will be PICKED UP and CONSUMED at home (the first breakfast/lunch bags will be available Monday at registration.
(For at least the first semester to help maintain continuity).**

ELEMENTARY: Most K-5 students will attend in person **AT LEAST** for half days, 4 days a week. While the morning group is at school the afternoon group will be learning from home. Then the afternoon group will attend in person while the morning group learns from home.

Morning group: M-TH 8:30am - 11:00am.

Cleaning: 11:00am-12:30pm.

Afternoon group: M-TH 12:30pm - 3:00pm.

Face to face time during these sessions will be classroom instruction only. Specials (music, pe, library, etc.) will be supported through the home learning portion.

Some groups, such as those students on IEPs, will possibly attend all day, 4 days a week.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL: Most 6-12 students will attend in person **AT LEAST** for half days, 4 days a week. While the morning group is at school the afternoon group will be learning from home. Then the afternoon group will attend in person while the morning group learns from home.

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PRE-K to 12:

All students will participate in home learning each day for regular school hours.

Teachers will train students on the use of digital platforms and tools so that they can use them independently or with support while at home.

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Conditions for Learning		
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Health and Safety Protocols

- Staff are required to wear PPE.
- Clear Humanity Shields will be provided to all certificated staff and other staff who provide instruction or would benefit from the use of a shield due to either comfort or the need to have their face visible.
- Students are encouraged to wear masks.
- Social/Physical distancing--reduced class sizes
- Hand washing
- Hand sanitizer available
- Cleaning of desks/chairs and other surfaces between change of students.
- Screening: staff and parents are expected to answer "no" to screening questions each day.
- Symptom free environment. Staff and students are expected to stay home if symptoms exist.
- Students and staff who demonstrate a fever or other symptoms while at school will be isolated and sent home.
- Deliberate cleaning and disinfection plan.
- Train and teach hygiene and other preventative measures to staff and students.
- In the event a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is determined to have been in the building, we will close school temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.

Parent and Family Engagement

- Communication between district, schools and teachers will be timely and informative.
- Information will be provided regularly to parents on how to support the home learning portion of the plan.
- Bell schedules will be available by the first week of August.

Transportation

- By reducing the number of students in the building at one time, we will be providing for social/physical distance on the bus.
- However, a full six feet may not always be possible.
- Students will be encouraged to wear masks.
- The bus driver will wear a mask.
- Parents who are able to transport their children to school are encouraged to do so.
- Parents will be asked to drop off/pick up their students outside the entry doors to reduce the number of people mixing in the building.

Continuity of Learning**Intervention/Learning Gaps**

- As we stabilize in the green zone, we will be assessing students who need additional time to minimize the gaps or challenges resulting from the loss of face to face time instruction in the spring and will add time to their day as we have capacity.
- Morning and afternoon groups will be assigned based on academic need and social distancing guidelines.
- Afternoon groups will rotate to morning, and morning to afternoon at semester.

Professional Learning

- Teachers will learn about blended learning, as well as about the platforms being implemented this fall. Training will include introductions to learning management platforms, content creation and curation tools, and communication tools.
- Teachers will also have a substantial amount of time to meet in district and site Professional Learning Communities to learn their new tools in more detail, and to work with colleagues on blended learning lesson planning.
- Friday will be a home learning day for all students to provide preparation and training time for staff, as well as time for cleaning.

Student Activities and Travel

- Travel and afterschool activities are currently under review and in the discussion stage.

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