

Dear Parents and Students:

Madison Local School District is proud to announce that we will be starting school in August! Elementary parents will participate in Smart Start August 13-18. Middle School and High School will host Smart Start on August 13-14 based on last name. Regular school days will start August 17 for middle and high school students. Regular school days will start on August 19 for elementary students.

As of today, we will be starting school on a regular schedule with some important guidelines for parents and students. These are guiding principles set by the health department that schools must follow in order to open.

**Distance- Six feet or more apart as much as possible.** Madison Local Schools will do our best to facilitate 6 foot distance between students; however, there will be opportunities for students to be in close proximity.

**Time: Spend as little time close together as possible. Minimize visitors.-** Madison Local Schools will minimize the changing of classes in the elementary. We will NOT be hosting class parties in the foreseeable future. We ask parents to be diligent in sending money, lunches, backpacks, etc. with students to school, as to cut down on the visits to the school.

**Hygiene: Keep hands clean with frequent washing and hand sanitizer-** Madison Local Schools will have sanitizer available in every classroom.

**Cleaning: Clean surfaces often, between classes-** There will be disinfecting wipes for all classrooms to clean desks between classes. Our custodial staff will work diligently each evening to sanitize all common areas and classrooms. Our buses will be sanitized between routes.

**Face Coverings: Keep nose and mouth secretions to yourself by wearing face coverings-** Madison Local School is a red county or Level 3 in COVID cases. We must take precautions to protect your child from airborne germs. Therefore, based on the Governor's guidelines, we will be implementing face masks for all staff and students. Students will be required to wear masks on buses to utilize transportation.

**Screen: Check daily temperatures and do symptom checks for those working/entering-** Madison Local Schools will be doing symptom checks for all employees daily.

Madison Local Schools will do our best to decrease the likelihood of infection with COVID-19 with good hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, however being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated. Staff, teachers, parents, and students must understand the risks and weigh them in relation to their own health, making decisions accordingly.

It is important for parents to teach individual healthy and safety measures. Parents and students should assess daily in the morning and evening for symptoms. Students should wash hands

frequently. Students should always maintain social distance from peers as much as possible. Finally, it is good practice to have students remove their clothes worn to school when they get home and wash them. If students do not follow these protocols to prevent spreading of germs, sickness will put us back at home on remote learning.

In the event the State changes directives that require school districts to implement specific policies, every effort will be made to ensure that all local policies are in line with any newly issued state level policies.

Madison Local Schools will host one employee meeting and a parent/community meeting regarding reopening in August. These meetings will give opportunities for questions concerning safety protocols, school day changes, and contingency plans for remote learning due to a resurgence.

**Meeting dates and times: (MASKS ARE REQUIRED)**

**Employee meetings - Tuesday, July 7- 12:30 PM and 2 PM Madison Performing Arts Center**  
**Parent/Community Meeting- Tuesday, July 7- 6 PM- Performing Arts Center**  
**The meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who would prefer watching from home.**

In addition, in order to give our teachers time to transition into this school year we are implementing additional Professional Development Days. This will push the start of school by two days. The following will help guide you concerning building opening dates:

**August 13-14** Smart Start MS/HS- All students will be sent a letter advising times for pick-up of computer laptops, schedules, locker numbers, etc. by last name.

**August 13-18** Elem Smart Start- Parents will be sent a letter from the elementary with Smart Start meeting times.

**August 17-** MS/HS First Day- Students first day of classes

**August 19-** Elem First Day- Students first day of classes.

**August 19-** Preschool First Day

**August 19-** KDG Last Names A-M

**August 20-** KDG Last Names N-Z

**August 21-** All KDG

Please do not hesitate to email, call, or come to the parents meeting with questions. We are all in this together and each of our ideas, fears, and suggestions count!

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