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Madison County Schools Return to Learn Options

Governor Roy Cooper asked all North Carolina school systems to design three options (Plans A, B, and C) for a return to school this Fall. MCS is sharing this summary document so staff and families can see what Plans A, B, and C will generally look like for our school system. ***The Governor has not made an announcement regarding which plan North Carolina schools will use to begin the school year on August 17. We continue to refine important details for all three plans. We understand you have questions, and we will try to answer them to the best of our ability. We encourage you to talk with your child's principal about your questions.*

Plan A includes:	Plan B includes:	Plan C includes:
<p>Plan A is face-to-face classroom learning for all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social distancing areas of the school building where students congregate. ● Frequent handwashing. ● Temperature checks for students, staff, and visitors before they enter the building. ● Facial coverings/masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors with some exceptions. ● Enhanced cleaning protocols, especially of shared surfaces. ● There are no limits on how many people can be in a school at once in Plan A. 	<p>Plan B is mostly face-to-face classroom learning for all students and includes all of the Plan A requirements plus several more requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No more than 50% capacity in buildings. (Which means 50% of the building's maximum occupancy capacity, not 50% of the students enrolled. Due to the square footage and space available in our buildings, under Plan B we can still provide face-to-face learning for all students.) ● When necessary, may include a hybrid model of both face-to-face classroom learning and remote learning for students. ● If necessary, may include a modified schedule for the school day (a later start time or an earlier dismissal time) to allow for additional safety measures. 	<p>Plan C is remote learning for all students. Our Remote learning model has undergone some significant refinements compared to last year's model. Thanks to clear guidance from NCDPI, we can provide a well-planned, equitable remote learning experience that includes more accountability and more personalized instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be a combination of virtual instruction as well as assignments that students will complete at their own pace. ● Principals will develop schedules for instruction that allow for flexibility and consistency while avoiding overlap and fatigue. ● Attendance will be taken and work will be graded. ● Teachers and instructional staff will focus on more individualized support for helping remote students master standards. ● An Online Learning Management System will be used K-12 to access learning materials and activities, view live lessons and pre-recorded lessons, submit assignments, and communicate with teachers. (LMS: SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Canvas) ● We will continue to provide hotspots and devices to our students who may have difficulty with internet access. ● We are also including enhancements such as training on various platforms for families so they are better able to help their children with assignments.

Virtual Only Option:

ANY Madison County Schools family may choose the Virtual Only option if they would prefer at-home learning for their child, regardless of which Plan (A, B, or C) we are operating under as a school system. For Grades K-5, the Virtual Only option will use Edmentum's Calvert Learning curriculum. For Grades 6-8, the Virtual Only option will use Edmentum's Curriculum and Courses. Edmentum's curriculum content is fully accessed through an online platform with a Madison County School's teacher checking-in with students regarding their learning within the program. Virtual Course offerings will also be provided for students in Grades 9-12 with personalized instruction from teachers. Specific details about staffing and scheduling have not yet been finalized. We must first get an estimate of how many students would prefer this option before we can begin designing a staffing plan. If a family chooses the Virtual Only option, we ask for a commitment for the entire semester and the deadline for committing to this option is August 7th.