

# *North Mercer District R-3 Public Schools*

## *2020 Reopening Plan*

The North Mercer School District plans to reopen its doors to students on August 24, 2020! In light of the current situation with Covid-19, we must make adjustments to our school day and procedures. While we hope that these adjustments will be temporary, we will continue with them as long as necessary to keep our students, staff, and families safe. Our reopening plan is divided into three phases based on if we have any active cases in our school. We will begin the year in Phase 1.

### **Phase 1: No Active Cases in our School**

Students will choose Regular Education or Online Education (K-12)

#### **Online:**

- 1 year commitment
- No extra-curricular activities (FFA, FBLA, MSHSAA)
- Grades 100% accepted. No Exceptions
- Schedule is completely independent of school schedule
- The District has partnered with the Springfield School District to utilize the “Launch Virtual Program”
- \$225 per class/per hour. District will pay for students who choose to opt-out

#### **Regular Education:**

- Regular days attended with modifications. Going back completely “normal” would be irresponsible at this time
- Bus drivers will check all temperatures at the door
- Bus students may enter at different location (Elementary Hallway)
- Walkers will go through a thermal scanner upon entry
- Students with a 100 degree temperature will not be allowed on bus and walkers will be sent to the nurse to be sent home
- Assigned seating for everything (class and lunch)
  - Students are to be spaced as far away as possible and facing the same direction
- Special class locations
  - Gym and Music – Outside as much as possible
  - Art, Library, and Guidance – Teacher cart will go to elementary rooms. Secondary classes will be held in the room
- Masks will be available but not required
- Recess will be individualized and outside when possible
  - Each class will need individual equipment box
- Water Fountains/Bottle Refills:
  - Each student will have a water bottle and all fountains will use bottle fill only
  - New water fountains will be placed throughout building
- Teachers hours will begin at 7:45-3:30

- Students will be going straight to the room
- Mr. Eldridge class will have an aide until he arrives
- **Doors will be locked until 7:45. Students should not be here before that time**
- Field trips will be VERY limited and not generally approved
- The only assemblies that will be allowed will be held outside
- Guests, visitors, and parents must check into office and will not be allowed anywhere in the building unless a meeting has been set up with a teacher or administrator.
- Masks will be placed outside of the Principals office door and will be highly encouraged for all visitors

**Phase 2: A case of Covid-19 in student or staff**

DESE has notified schools that students must attend 2 days of school if not 100% virtual.

Schedule will look something like this:

- Grades PK-6
  - Small Classes M, T, Th, Fr
  - Large Classes: ½ on M, T, other ½ Th, F
  - Wednesday would be a deep cleaning day
  - Teachers would attend on Wednesday
  - Preschool would probably be eliminated at this time
- Grades 7-12
  - Three Classes (7-9) would come on M and T
  - Three Classes (10-12) would come on Th and F
- Teachers would zoom on the day and time for the classes not in attendance
- Passing in the hallway will not be allowed. Classes moving as a group will be preferred

Other Information:

- All Phase 1 rules apply (when necessary) with the addition of Phase 2 requirements
- Masks are an unknown at this time. It will not be recommended for students and staff unless mandated
- Lunch will consider social distancing and classrooms may be used for meals (see meal plan)
- Zoom recordings may be done so students can access at a later date
- Recess will be as scheduled and equipment may/may not be used
- We will follow local health department guidelines for extracurricular activities

**Phase 3: Community spread in the school building**

Virtual learning will be in place

Zoom Classrooms with the teachers instructing remotely during the day

Grades will be kept for grades 4-12

Classroom teachers will be the Zoom classroom teacher. It will be school designed

Students work must be completed weekly. Administration will pick up homework on an individualized basis

All MSHSAA activities will be discontinued while in Phase 3

## **Meal Planning/Serving:**

### **Breakfast:**

Bus riders will have temperature checks prior to getting on the bus. Bus riders come in through Elementary Hallway and do a “Grab and Go” breakfast. Walkers come in, get temperature checked, and get “Grab and Go” through the regular kitchen line. All students go to their first hour classrooms upon entering the building. **Doors will be locked until 7:45 a.m.**

### **Lunch:**

PK-3 – Lunches will be delivered to the classrooms for grades K-3. Preschool and one class will use the cafeteria daily during the first shift. A cart will deliver and pick up trays. Mr. G will be getting a schedule of when each class will eat in the cafeteria. On good weather days, classes will be encouraged to eat outside. Tables will be set up for those choosing to eat outside. Lunch options will be 1 main entrée or a pre-made salad (ham or turkey depending on the day). Condiments will be prepackaged. Students will place trays in the hallways upon completion. PK will eat in the cafeteria every day.

#### **Grades 4-6**

Students will get food from the cafeteria and take it to their classroom or outside (weather permitting). They will place trays in the hallway upon completion. Students will be given the choice of 1 entrée or a pre-made salad.

#### **Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12**

Students will eat in the lunchroom while social distancing amongst themselves. Each set of grades will have separate lunch times. They will return trays upon completion. Students will be given the choice of 2 entrées or a pre-made salad.

During Phase 2: Silverware will be prepackaged

## **Transportation:**

Parents will be sent a note home encouraging them to bring their child to school each day to help eliminate the number of children on the bus

Student temperatures will be taken and any student with a high fever will not be allowed on the bus. Parents must have a backup plan regarding caring for their ill children. Any student with a temperature higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit will not be allowed to ride

Students riding the bus will have an assigned seating chart with family members sitting together.

Busses will be loaded from the back to the front

Busses will unload in the morning and load in the afternoon on the west side of the building