

Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township
2023-2024

Updated June 30,2023

- COVID cases are now treated the same as all viruses regarding absence from school. No child or staff member may return to work until they are 24 hours fever free. Otherwise, any other symptoms are treated as needed and attendance at school is expected if no fever has developed.

We are still encouraging all families, students and staff to vaccinate.

MSD of Decatur Township Culture Guide

MSD of Decatur Township released a written document of what represents the Core Beliefs, Behaviors and Outcomes for our students, staff and families of our school community. Our vision is to prepare students to be ***Tomorrow Ready***. We do that through our mission pillars of Learning, Safety and Customer Service. Our culture makes MSD of Decatur Township a special place to learn, work, and grow. To be an elite culture, MSD of Decatur Township articulates the priorities necessary for the benefit of our children. Please refer to our Culture Guide [here](#).

Safeguards for In Person Learning

MSD of Decatur Township's plan for in-person instruction will continue for the 2023-2024 school year like last year. The school year will continue to focus on a "normal" pre-pandemic instruction, as much as possible. This is a five-day a week opportunity for all students, fulfilling the 180 day requirement as mandated by Indiana law for a full instructional year. There have been several aspects from Esser la our 2022-2023 plan that have been maintained to the learning environment of all our schools for the 2023-2024 plan. They are as follows:

All nine schools, K-12, have required the necessary safeguards for our students to attend school in a safe manner. The requirements are:

- Every school still has hand sanitizer available when and where necessary. Students and staff are expected to wash their hands as much as possible without compromising the instructional day. Elementary students are walked to restrooms for hand washing while secondary students have been offered opportunities during appropriate times throughout the day.

- Masks are available. Masks are allowed to be worn only when necessary by those who may be sick or recommended by a physician.
- Ventilation for all schools have been upgraded and maintained to hospital grade quality. Maintenance of these systems are being serviced routinely and ongoing.
- All facilities are cleaned and sanitized according to usage and any indication of virus spread. Day shift custodians prioritize cleaning of all student and staff traffic areas throughout the day.
- District communication of any changes or adjustments will continue to be effectively done through phone messaging, email, social media and district/building websites.
- Parents are still encouraged to conduct self-assessments.

Instruction for the 2023-2024 School Year

Instructionally, in-person instruction will be the core method of instructional delivery. However, MSD of Decatur Township will supplement in-person instruction with several different methods and/or strategies:

- Remote learning is not offered or provided for the 2023-2024 school year.

eLearning

In the event that a school or the entire district needs to close, we will move to eLearning. All teachers who conducted in-person learning will move to Canvas and WebEx to support the students they teach. The permanent eLearning option will continue as status quo since building closures would not affect the permanent eLearning option. Per Indiana Code, after three days of eLearning, 50% of instruction will be synchronous for all K-12 instruction for any eLearning days after the initial three.

Social and Emotional Needs/Resources

We continue to recognize the importance of providing students and staff with extra social and emotional support even with full in-person instruction this school year. We will continue to utilize our Second Step SEL Curriculum K-8 and Newsela 9-12 daily. Please continue to expect to see activities, continued additional time for relationship building and a focus on coping strategies.

Our guidance counselors, Behavior Source therapists, CIS site coordinators, and school psychologists continue to be readily available to assist students and staff in need of all types of support.

ESSER Funds Summary and Usage of Funds

- This ESSER plan continues to support the necessary funding for learning loss through summer school, extended day and modifications for the school year.
- This plan continues to be under consistent review for accuracy and revisions are made when appropriate and necessary.
- Staffing: Lead teachers will continue to model lessons on the TAP rubric for classroom teachers to positively impact student achievement. The use of research based tools provided by the E3 Grant will allow lead teachers the ability to train and support additional teachers as well as specifically support our targeted students. This will be provided during the 2023- 2024 school year.
- Staffing: 150 teachers - This will be teachers hired as extended day teachers to support accelerated learning to deal with a learning loss program for grades K-12 to extend the school day. This will be provided during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Supplies : Hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, hand soap, disinfectant, plexi-glass, air filters.
- Property : Air purification equipment is installed in common areas (cafeteria, auditorium, gym, nurse office, etc.
- Support Services - Instruction / Description of services offered by ed consulting firm.
- Operation & Maintenance: Monthly professional cleaning / disinfecting of classrooms and shared spaces in school buildings.