

Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township
2022-2023

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- The Governor's Executive Order 21-24 expired in the spring semester, 2022. Moving forward, although COVID cases will be tracked by the Marion County Board of Health, there will be no mask requirement and no required quarantine for a positive case or a close contact other than if an individual possesses a fever.

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 of returning to in-person instruction will still utilize some of the safeguards that were put in place for the 2021-2022 school year. The 2022-2023 school year will focus on a return to "normal" instruction, or 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 to our 2021-2022 plan that have been maintained to the learning environment of all our schools. 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 has hand sanitizer available in all classrooms and common areas in the building.
- 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 have been readily available. The degree of wearing masks has been a fluid situation and, as a school district, we have to err on the side of caution to ensure students are safe; therefore, wearing masks as expected when deemed appropriate by our medical experts.
- 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. All facilities will continue to be modified to accommodate social distancing when needed.
- 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 2022-2023 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 will be provided for the 2022-2023 school year on a very limited basis. The number of students who participate with remote instruction will be administrative approved and involve compromised health conditions that would put them at risk in a full in-person learning environment.
- Remote learning at the elementary level consists of a licensed teacher, per grade level (K-6). All students at MSD of Decatur Township are issued iPads for learning. Therefore, students who are approved for remote learning will be able to work with one teacher for each specific grade level.
- For the secondary level, grades 7-12, remote learning continues to be through synchronous learning with teachers who are teaching in-person learning while utilizing an iPad and swivel device to contact and teach remote students at the same time. Therefore, remote students are added to typical class lists and assigned to teachers who interact with them just like in-person students. There is constant classroom interaction with the means of an iPad that will follow a teacher around the classroom as they teach class.
- In some certain circumstances, asynchronous learning will be provided for students that have been approved by administration. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

eLearning

In the event that a school or the entire district needs to close, we will move to eLearning, which will look different than the above options outlined. 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.

Social and Emotional Needs/Resources

We have recognized the importance of providing students and staff with extra social and emotional support as they returned to 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 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 2021, 2022, and 2023 SY.
- 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 2021, 2022, 2023 SY.
- Supplies : Hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, hand soap, disinfectant, plexi-glass, air filters.
- Property : Install air purification equipment in common areas (cafeteria, auditorium, gym, nurse office, etc).
- Property: Labor to install air handling units in various buildings.
- Property : Cost of air handling units at various buildings to accommodate MERV 13 filters.

- 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.