



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools

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Return to School Plan 2020-2021 Quick Reference Guide

Dear Families:

We are excited to welcome your student back to school this fall! As you know, it will look different, but the best interests of all students, staff, and families are at the center of our planning. This document provides an overview of what you can expect, at least for now. More comprehensive information is available in our Return to School Plan. We ask for your patience and flexibility as the ongoing pandemic situation evolves.



What will the learning model be?

Based on the current data from Carver County, the state has directed Watertown-Mayer Public Schools to open schools using the following learning models:



Elementary: In-person, 5-day per week instruction

Middle & High School: Hybrid, two days per week in-person, three days distance learning

What health and safety measures will be in place?

- All MDH and CDC guidelines will be followed
- Mandatory masks for students and adults
- Encourage social distancing - reinforced with signage
- Hand sanitizing stations and routine hand washing in classrooms where sinks are available
- Routine cleaning during the school day of all high traffic and common areas, and nightly deep cleaning of all facilities
- Enhancement to air handling equipment to increase fresh air and improve filtration



What if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

We will follow guidance from the state and Carver County health department in our response to a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. If we receive confirmation that a student or employee has had a positive diagnosis, prompt action will be taken regarding possible quarantine/isolations and communication to families.

Will the learning model change?

The number of current COVID-19 cases in Carver County may fluctuate. As they do, we may be required to switch to a different learning model as directed by the State and County. The learning models are described in the Return to School Plan.



I'm uncomfortable with sending my student to school, what are my options?

Parents with students in all grades will have the option to opt out of in-person instruction for their child(ren) and Watertown-Mayer Public Schools will provide a distance learning education for those students.

This Distance Learning model will be even more enhanced and interactive when compared to the distance learning that finished out the 2019-2020 school year.

Self-screen and stay home with these systems

- New onset cough or shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting or nausea
- Fever 100.4°F or higher
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Headache and fatigue



Food Service

- During in-person learning, all students will be served breakfast and lunch in their classrooms or other designated area
- During distance learning and hybrid at home days, breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase for any student in the district
- Meals will be available for pick up daily between 11:00 and 1:00 at Watertown-Mayer High School (Door 6) and Mayer Community Center



K-4 | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEARNING MODEL

Grades K-4 In-Person Learning Model

- Students will return to school for face-to-face instruction from teachers in the classroom
- Daily schedules will be set and will align to required safety and health protocols
- Safety and prevention measures will be put in place where feasible to provide the safest learning experience including hand-washing, face coverings, and creating as much space between students and staff throughout the day



K-4 Technology

- K-4 students will be able to take home their classroom, district-owned devices for use if learning models fluctuate



K-12 Bell Times

- Watertown-Mayer Elementary School 8:10 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
- Watertown-Mayer Middle School 8:10 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
- Watertown-Mayer High School 8:10 a.m. - 2:46 p.m.



K-12 Drop Off and Pick Up

- Parents will need to stay in the vehicle
- Follow drop off and pick up procedures
- Be patient as more parents will be driving students to school in order to accommodate reduced bus transportation capacity



K-12 Bus Transportation

- All students needing transportation will be provided a bus
- Families are encouraged to drive students to school if possible to reduce the number of students on buses
- Buses will operate at 50% capacity; students evenly spaced
- Students will be seated from back of bus to front
- Family members will sit together
- All students and driver must wear a mask while on the bus
- No eating or drinking is allowed; hand sanitizer will be available



5-12 | MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING MODEL

Grades 5-12 Hybrid Learning Model

- Students will be on an "AB" Rotation
- "A" students=last names A-K, will be in person Monday and Thursday
- "B" students=last names L-Z, will be in person Tuesday and Friday



- Wednesday will be distance learning for all students, a time for teachers to connect with students, and additional time for teacher preparation

Continued learning off-campus

- On days students are not on campus, virtual instruction will continue with students at home



Families with multiple students

- For families with multiple students on the "AB" rotation, attention will be given to keep siblings on the same rotation



5-12 Technology

Middle and high school students will continue to participate in our 1:1 program by taking advantage of one of three options for student devices.



1. Bring or use a personal device from home
2. Participate in the Best Buy dual-funded program. More information can be found on the district website under Technology
3. Use a district-owned device. These requests should be made during the Online Registration process



More detailed information is available at
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