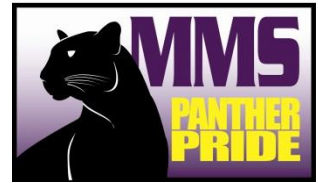


MAURICEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Kimberly Cox
Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

In an effort to provide the most effective and highest quality educational experience for our students with consideration to health, safety, and governmental guidelines, the following is our plan for the 2020-2021 academic school year.

On July 23, LCMCISD will provide the opportunity for parents to “lock in” the instructional choice for their student for the first 6 weeks of school. *(At the end of each grading period, parents will be given the opportunity to reconsider/change the instructional method for their child. Parents will only need to contact the campus with any desired changes.)*

The picture continues to change, and MMS will do our best to continue to adapt and keep you informed. Details are listed below to help guide parents/guardians to choose which option they believe is best for their student.

Face-to-Face/On-Campus Instruction at MMS

- School day will be from 8:20 AM until 3:55 PM
- See Student Handbook regarding attendance/tardy/absences. These policies have not changed for On-Campus instruction.
- All classes will be held - reading, language arts/writing, math, science, social studies, P.E., fine arts, technology, and library. Additionally, athletics and lunch will be held.
- MMS and MVE will be sharing cafeteria eating space. When MMS lunch begins (MVE lunch is concluded), students will sit on one side of the cafeteria table in every other seat.
 - Limits the number of students in the cafeteria at one time
 - Masks will not be required while the student is seated and eating their lunch
 - No visitors for lunch
- Under the current executive order, masks/face shields/face coverings will be required while inside the building.
 - If executive order expires, mask/face shields/face coverings requirements will be limited to transitions and at times when social distancing is not possible.
- Water fountains will be turned off.
 - Students will be allowed to bring a water bottle if necessary. No glass bottles. Must be resealable.
- All classes, electives, and extracurricular activities will be available.
- Teachers will maintain a presence on Microsoft Teams/through technology in the event that a student needs to miss school for a brief period of time for any illness.
- Should there be cases of COVID-19 which cause a temporary closure of that area for cleaning and/or student quarantine due to exposure, the on-campus student would then begin virtual/at-home instruction for the duration of the temporary closure/quarantine. Upon return, the student would remain with their original schedule/teacher.
- In the event a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, students(parents) and staff who have possibly been exposed will be informed.

Virtual/Online/At-home Instruction

- Will look vastly different than the online instruction that was used in Spring 2020
- Instruction for most classes will be provided through Edgenuity with a few classes using Microsoft Teams.

- Students must demonstrate progress through Edgenuity (online instruction/curriculum) for Math, ELA (reading, language arts, writing), Social Studies and Science, assigned work from elective classes, and/or instructional contact with the assigned teacher to receive attendance credit.
 - Parents of an MMS students should expect to commit a minimum of 4 hours daily for virtual instruction. This time includes accessing instruction, completing assignments, and submitting completed assignments.
 - Accessing virtual instruction must take place daily; on the day instruction is posted by the teacher.
- Instruction will be provided for all academic subjects – reading, language arts/writing, math, science, and social studies.
- Parents of virtual/on-line students will attest that graded work and tests were completed independently by students. Parents will support the students during instruction, practice, and submitting completed assignments.
- Virtual instruction assignments must be completed and submitted prior to midnight each day.
 - Students who do not submit prior to midnight will still be required to complete the assignment for a grade but will NOT receive attendance credit.
- Students can expect to spend approximately 240 minutes per day on assignments.
- Extracurricular activities will not be available for students who choose virtual learning.
- Band and Choir classes will be available online, but online students will not be able to participate in competitions or performances.

Withdraw student from LCM/Mauriceville Middle School

- Parents who are not comfortable with either instructional platform do have the prerogative to withdraw their student. MMS would hate to see that happen, but it is a third option to be aware of.
- Parents choosing this option should notify Paula Tarver (745-3970 ext. 7130) in order to officially withdraw your child from enrollment. Parents may write a letter officially withdrawing their student as well. Letters can be sent to:
 - Mauriceville Middle School, 19952 FM 1130, Orange, TX 77632
 - Or dropped off at the campus 8:00 – 3:30 Monday-Friday.
- The state of Texas gives parents 10 days for enrolling their withdrawn student in another public/private school or providing homeschool instruction.

Below is the link for you to choose the instructional arrangement for your child. If you have multiple children attending MMS, you are able to submit multiple entries. Students who are not in face-to-face attendance on the first day of school or not on the virtual class roster will be withdrawn from enrollment. Please submit your official response by July 31, 2020 via the link below even though you may responded to the preliminary survey on Skyward.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qvNW0vyjoEqY5R6_fmUz3qg9-ePnyDuRbckGkUhd1UQjkmVNGM1QwTINPT0ZGNExWNzhHWDYyRy4u

Since guidance from the Texas Education Agency and state and local authorities have been changing regularly, these policies are subject to change. Even though we are facing unique and challenging times, we are looking forward to seeing our students and getting back to normal. Thank you for your patience and we appreciate your partnership in the education of your student.

Sincerely,
 Kimberly Cox
 Principal
 Mauriceville Middle School