

General Questions

What are parents' options for educating their child(ren) in MSD 114 for the upcoming school year?

Students can participate in:

- Full Time In-Person Learning
- Full Time Remote Learning

Will parents be able to change their selection from remote learning to in-person learning or from in-person learning to remote learning?

Parents may change their selection at the beginning of a trimester.

Will the lessons for remote learning and in-person learning focus on the same content and utilize the same materials/assignments?

Students will engage in the same core content lessons within both learning environments. Materials used may vary based on the differences in delivery format.

At any point, will the whole school return to remote learning?

Yes. An order from the Governor, ISBE, or the IDPH to return to Phase 2 or Phase 3 could result in a district-wide transition to remote learning. A localized outbreak could also prompt a transition to remote learning.

What if my child exhibits symptoms of common short-term illness such as a cold?

In order to avoid potential COVID-19 related precautions and protocols, parents are encouraged to keep students home who are exhibiting symptoms of illness.

In-Person Learning

What are the precautions/protocols that will be put in place to maximize social distancing and minimize spread of germs?

- Hand hygiene will be built into daily classroom routines
- No sharing of supplies or technology to the greatest extent possible
- Hallway and PE lockers will not be used at MJHS
- Student movement throughout the building will be minimized as much as possible
- Hallway traffic will follow planned routes, utilizing one way routes where possible
- Water fountains will be closed, students may bring water from home
- Minimize extra furniture to maximize distance between desks

Will my child be required to wear a face at all times while in the building?

Yes, students will be required to wear a face covering while in the building regardless of distance between individuals. This includes while on the bus.

Will temperature checks be conducted daily and how will that look?

Parents will be expected to self certify their student is fever and COVID-19 symptom free each day. Protocols will be communicated to parents closer to the start of school. It will be expected that if a student is not feeling well and exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19 or the flu, they remain at home.

Will my child have opportunities for outdoor breaks to take their mask off?

Breaks will be provided throughout the day and social distancing will be enforced.

Where will my child eat lunch?

Lunches will not be held in the lunchroom/commons unless fewer than 50 people will be utilizing the space. Students will likely be eating in classrooms or alternate locations with appropriate supervision. The opportunity to purchase school lunches or milks will still be available.

Will my child still have classes such as PE, music, computers, and art?

Yes, students will still participate in their physical education, music, computers, and art classes

Will bus service still be available? What precautions will be taken?

- 50 or fewer students will be on a bus route and enhanced sanitation procedures will be in place
- Students must wear masks and will be spaced out as much as possible

What will the procedure for visitors look like?

- Volunteer and third party programs will be suspended
- Procedures will be in place for midday student drop-off and pick-ups
- Materials, lunches, and items dropped off for students will be left in building vestibule
- Meetings (IEP, 504, Parent/Teacher Conferences etc.) will take place via Zoom

Will the buildings still be used for after school activities?

The Manhattan Park District will host The Den program under IDPH guidelines. The use of buildings by all other groups and organizations will be suspended. School sponsored clubs and sports will function based on guidelines provided by IBSE and IESA.

Remote Learning

If my child is participating in the remote learning option, will he/she be assigned to the same teacher that he/she will have when they return to in-person learning?

Students engaging in the remote learning option will most likely not have the same teacher should they return to in-person learning at the start of a new trimester.

Are students with IEPs/504s able to participate in remote learning rather than in-person learning?

All students are able to participate in remote learning. Services would still be provided remotely, however due to the nature of specific interventions and supports, services may look different in the remote setting.

Will the remote learning option require that students engage in live lessons at specified times?

Students will have the opportunity to engage in live Zoom meetings with the remote learning teacher and access pre-recorded lessons. It is our goal to make lesson content available to students so that it may be accessed when convenient for them.

How much time will my child spend on remote learning daily?

Daily plans will be developed in accordance with the state of Illinois guidelines and will be age/grade appropriate. The amount of time spent engaged in remote learning will vary from student to student based on skill level and concepts being taught. According to the guidance provided by ISBE and IDPH on June 23, 2020, "The State Superintendent has determined that Remote and Blended Remote Learning Days must ensure at least 5 clock hours of instruction or school work for each student. Districts can be flexible in determining how to best meet the requirement in their own context by counting all learning activities toward the 5 clock hour expectation."

Will the district provide my child with a device?

Yes, students participating in remote learning will receive a district issued device for the duration of remote learning. Families need to have internet access to participate in the remote learning option.