

Ashley Community Schools

Please review the following information as you make your choice regarding the instructional format your child will receive this fall. This is a summary of the information in the Return to School Preparedness Plan that should be helpful to you as you make your decision. Please contact Mrs. Deanna Hardman at dehardman@ashleyschools.net or call 989-847-4000 ext. 1003 by Wednesday, August 12th if you are opting for your child to join the so staff can begin scheduling. Thank you!

Option 1: Face-to-Face Instruction

- Full time in-person attendance
- 5 days per week
- 5 class periods per day
- PreK-5th grade will still have time outdoors and rotations.
- 6th-12th grade will still have rotations and electives
- May include virtual classes taken online at school
- May include in-person instruction through the CTE, Dual Enrollment, Work Based learning
- Student may transition to another learning format at the marking period.

Option 2: Online Instruction---- Virtual Bears

- No in-person attendance
- Assigned classes will be taken remotely
- Classes will be taken utilizing a virtual platform (i.e. Edgenuity, etc.)
- Attendance/check in required
- All work is expected to be completed to receive credit. Grades will be used in the same manner as full in-person instruction
- Student may transition to another learning format at the marking period.
- Students will still be considered an Ashley student and have access to other opportunities students physically attending will have.

Face to Face Instruction Safety Protocols

- Students will be seated facing the same direction and social distanced as classroom space allows.
- Signs and floor markings will indicate appropriate social distancing and hallway traffic flow
- Visitors to district buildings will be limited to essential functions. Essential visitors are subject to screening procedures including temperature check and completion of health questionnaire
- Activities requiring the gathering of large groups, such as assemblies, will be prohibited
- Staff will monitor and discourage congregation of students in hallways, entrances, and common areas
- Students will be discouraged from sharing supplies and personal items
- Students will be reminded of proper ways to cover sneezes and coughs and to wash hands and use hand sanitizer often.

Face Coverings

- Masks MUST be worn by all school staff, visitors
- Students in 6-12th grades are required to wear face masks in the building. (outdoor face covering breaks will be provided)
- Students in PreK-5th grade will need to wear face coverings in the hallways. Since they will be grouped together all day, face coverings will not be required in the classroom. However, students are welcome and encouraged to keep their masks on if they so choose.
- Masks must cover nose and mouth at all times
- Reusable masks should be washed daily
- An individual may be exempt from wearing a facial covering if there has been a medical exemption. Documentation will be required.
- Repeated refusal to wear a mask or wear a mask properly will result in student being placed in a remote learning program
- Masks will be subject to the building handbook dress code policy
- Each building will have a supply of masks for students who forget or lose their masks.

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Transportation

- Bus drivers will wear masks unless medically exempt.
- Buses will be sanitized after each run
- Students will only be allowed on the bus if they are wearing a face covering. Bus drivers will have spare disposable masks if a student does not have one.
- Hand sanitizer will be used as students board the bus.

Cleaning & Hygiene

- Hand washing and hygiene instruction frequently shared with students throughout the day
- Frequently touched surfaces cleaned at least every 2-3 hours and at end of day
- Sanitizer stations placed throughout the buildings
- Classrooms will be cleaned between classes when more than one group of students utilizes the space
- Students will have access to water bottle filling station as water fountains will not be in use. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

Screening & Managing Illness

- Staff will be screened each day and will stay home if they are experiencing symptoms
- Parents/Guardians are expected to screen child daily before school to prevent sending symptomatic child to school
- Staff and students should stay home if temperature is at or above 100.4 degrees (without fever-reducing medication)
- If a staff member or student suspects or has verified that they have COVID-19 or have had direct exposure to the virus they should stay home and contact their child's school office for the next steps which will be guided by the most recent information from the Mid-Michigan Health Department and the CDC
- If a student becomes ill at school, he/she will be isolated in a designated area until he/she is picked up from school by an authorized person
- If a student or staff member is ill and receives a non-Covid diagnosis from a medical professional AND are symptom free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, they may return to school with documentation of the non-Covid diagnosis
- The school will be notified if there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 among staff/students. Any individual found to have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case will be notified as soon as possible.