

4/5 Middle School Return FAQs

Per the information shared by the district on 3/26 on the district website and through [Breaking News](#), we will be returning to **fully in-person learning K-12 on 4/5**.

- Families that have concerns over the changes we must make to accomplish a full return to school can opt to have their own children remain remote.
- If you have not already notified us of your student's program selection, please contact the MS/HS office by **March 31**).
- Families choosing to do remote learning will be **expected to remain** in remote learning mode for the remainder of the year. For families choosing in-person learning, please be aware that **students must attend in-person** unless unable to for medical or other excused purposes.
- Synchronous learning for both in-person and remote students will continue as it has since the fall.

For students who are returning in-person for the first time on 4/5, be sure to check out the PBIS video at the bottom of [this page](#) for some good information and visuals for your return to school. Below are some additional FAQs and resources to assist students who are returning:

How do I find my student's new bus route?

- You can find information on bus **routes starting 4/5** on the district website [here](#).

What does parent drop-off look like for students not riding the bus?

- For now, the process will remain as it has in past years- students can be dropped off in the circle between the MS/HS complex and Littleville. This may need to be revisited for the high school return depending on the number of drop-offs we see.

What do students need to bring with them to school?

- To ride the bus and/or enter the school building, students must be wearing a **mask** (they should have a spare mask with them as well)
 - Please refer to these [guidelines](#)
- We will not be using lockers this year, so students should carry their materials in a **backpack/bag**
- All students (both remote & in person) will still be participating and completing work online, so students must bring their **chromebook, charger and earbuds/headphones**

*Will students have access to **breakfast**?*

- Yes, those who wish to get a school breakfast may do so in the Cafeteria upon entering the building.
- **Students not eating** will proceed directly upstairs to their first period classroom. We now have plexiglass dividers for lunch tables, so students will sit up to 4 per table.

*Does my student still need to pre-order **lunch**? What will lunches look like?*

- Given current safety guidelines, we are still looking for **students who wish to order a PB&J lunch** to fill out this [order form](#) **daily** (students will be reminded during 1st period)
- We now have plexiglass dividers for lunch tables, so students will sit up to 4 per table.

*What will student **schedules** be like in person?*

- Students will follow the same class and bell schedule they have been following all year.
- We will have 4 **additional Early Release days** (5 total) on the following dates:
 - 4/13, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26
 - As we have been, on Early Release days will be slightly different (periods 4 and 6 are swapped)- please see this [Updated Bell Schedule](#).

What safety precautions are in place?

- **Hand sanitizer stations** are located in the main foyer and outside of most rooms throughout the building.
- All students are expected to wear masks and remain **socially distanced** (minimum of 3 feet) in classrooms and hallways.
- Students will be seated **a minimum of 3 feet apart** in all classrooms.
- Students should bring a **water bottle** to be used in our new touch-free filling stations.
- Classrooms are equipped with cleaning supplies for use by teachers and students before students sit at a desk used by a previous class.

*How will students **not following safety protocols** (like mask wearing) be addressed?*

- These instances will be addressed following existing progressive discipline measures in the [MS Student Handbook](#) depending on severity. Consequences may include removal from class or temporary transition to remote learning.

*What should I do if my **child does not feel well**?*

- Given the current situation and the ability of all students to attend classes remotely, please keep your student home and contact us in one of the following ways:
 - Calling our MS/HS Attendance Line at 413-685-1112
 - Filling out an [online attendance form](#) (this can be found under Quick Links on the [MS website](#))
 - Calling the MS/HS Office at 413-685-1102

*Will students be allowed to remain at the school for **spring sports** practices/games?*

- Yes- students will be asked to exit the building, but will be supervised by coaches and/or our athletic director.

*Will my student get **mask/water breaks**?*

- Absolutely- we will all need mask breaks! There will be a scheduled morning and a scheduled afternoon break- outside if at all possible. A third break will occur during lunch
- Water breaks will occur during these scheduled times
- If a student needs an additional mask or water break, they just need to let their teacher know- we have a process in place!

What is the plan for bathroom use?

- Students are being instructed that **no more than 3 people** should be in the bathroom at any time. If there are already 3 students occupying the bathroom, they should wait outside.
- Given the challenges of bathroom use during passing time, there will be more flexibility around student use of bathrooms during class time.

What should I do if I have a safety or other concern regarding my student?

- Please contact Principal Jason Finnie (jfinnie@grsd.org) or Assistant Principal Martha Clark (mclark@grsd.org). You can also call the MS/HS office at 413-685-1102.