

Reopening School Plan 2021-22
Marlborough Elementary School – July 22, 2021

Mask Wearing	We are awaiting guidance from the DPH and CSDE regarding mask-wearing for persons in schools. On July 20th, we were told it is “coming soon.” Marlborough Elementary School will require masks for students, for staff, and for visitors if the DPH/CSDE and local Health officials mandate or recommend this mitigation strategy. If this is not the guidance forthcoming, masks will be optional. We will keep the school-community updated as we receive confirming information.
Hand Washing / Sanitizing	MES will continue to practice excellent hand hygiene as an integral part of our school day. Continuing from last year, hand washing / sanitizing will be completed after using the bathroom or nose-blowing, prior to eating and when returning from outside of the classroom (ie. recess, essential arts).
Cleaning / Ventilation	Custodial crew will provide routine daily room cleaning, including disinfection in bathrooms, the Health Room or known exposure areas. Rooftop air handlers have been serviced and all classroom blower units were cleaned, and filters were changed out.
Cohorts	Classrooms will be their own cohorts. We plan to have classrooms return to a more normal look (tables/desks, carpets). Children may be working in small groups and will be able to work collaboratively on projects. Teachers will be able to meet with small groups of students for instruction.
Essential Arts Classes	We are in-process of finalizing our essential arts schedules. Students will likely have essential arts classes in blocks of time (one to three weeks). Essential arts classes will take place in the essential arts classrooms.
Tier / Enrichment	Tier and enrichment services will return for the 2021-22 school year.
6 th Grade Academy	Sixth grade students will return to our Sixth Grade Academy model this year. Sixth grade staff has each selected a content area to teach, with all teachers instructing math. Students will rotate to different classrooms with different groups of students.
Lunch	Lunch will take place in classrooms to start the 2021 – 2022 school year. We will reassess use of the Cafeteria as the school year progresses.

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Recess	Recess is a 30-minute block in the middle of the day (either prior to or after the lunch block). As of now, guidance from the state indicates that masks do not need to be worn outdoors (at recess or PE). Kindergarten students typically have an additional morning recess block, usually 15-20 minutes in length.
Visitors	We hope to be welcoming back visitors to school. Prior to September 1 st , we will outline our visitor guidelines.
Bus Transportation	Per current CDC guidance for public transportation, anyone riding a school bus will wear a mask to and from school. Bus seating will return to our pre-COVID approach where younger children will sit closer to the driver and older children sit closer to the back of the bus.
Drop Off / Pick Up	Drop-off and Pick-Up will be in the Community Room parking lot. Staff will be outside on the sidewalk to greet the children / assist them with getting out of the car. We continue to appreciate patience as we load / unload vehicles. Our little ones move quickly, and their safety is the priority. With larger numbers of families dropping off / picking up, the line can get long. Please know that we work hard to keep the line moving. Specific details regarding the 2021 – 2022 drop-off/pick-up will be communicated closer to the start of the school year.