

Methacton SCHOOL DISTRICT



2021 - 2022 Instructional Guide

Overview

The Methacton School District's goal is to ensure an exceptional Methacton School District experience for all. We are offering families a choice for their child's learning model for next school year, 2021-2022.

Students in Grades K-6

Students in grades K through 6 will choose between one of two instructional models: In-Person OR Methacton Online. Both of these are described below.

Students in Grades 7-12

Students in grades 7 through 12 will choose between one of two instructional models: In-Person OR Methacton Virtual Academy. Both of these are described below.

Families will choose an educational option through a PowerSchool survey beginning on June 1, 2021. **This choice commits your child to the educational option until January 2022.**

Elementary Families K-4

Choose In-Person or Methacton Online

| Program Aspect | In-Person | | Methacton On-Line |
|--------------------------------|---|--------|--|
| School Day | 9:05 - 3:35 Attends on premises five days a week | O R | 9:05 - 3:35 Attends virtually five days a week |
| Class Size | Consistent with District Guidelines | | Consistent with District Guidelines |
| Teacher | Methacton School District Teacher | | Methacton School District Teacher |
| Instructional Format | Teacher instructs in the classroom. | | Teacher instructs synchronously (live, real time) from the classroom. |
| Programs | English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Special Area Classes | | English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Special Area Classes |
| Specials | Art, Library, and Music taught in homeroom or in the special area classroom; Health/PE taught outdoors or in the gymnasium. | | Art, Health/PE, Music, and Library taught synchronously (live, real time) from the special area classroom. |
| Lunch | 30-minute lunch in the cafeteria | | 30-minute lunch |
| Breaks | Mid-morning or mid-afternoon breaks; periodic brain breaks | | Mid-morning or mid-afternoon breaks; periodic brain breaks |
| Device Access & Tech Platforms | Use of district device in the classroom with Google Classroom | | Use of district device with Google Classroom |
| Reading/Math/EL Intervention | Reading, math, and EL interventions provided during the school day | | Reading, math, and EL interventions provided during the school day |
| Special Education | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day | | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day |
| Student Absences | Assignments and missed work due to illness will be shared through the student's Google Classroom. Students will not attend their class virtually | | Absences will need to be communicated to the teacher. |

Skyview Upper Elementary Families 5-6

Choose In-Person or Methacton Online

| Program Aspect | In-Person | | Methacton On-Line |
|--------------------------------|---|--------|--|
| School Day | 8:15 - 3:00 Attends on premises five days a week | O R | 8:15 - 3:00 Attends virtually five days a week |
| Class Size | Consistent with District Guidelines | | Consistent with District Guidelines |
| Teacher | Methacton School District Teacher | | Methacton School District Teacher |
| Instructional Format | Teacher instructs in the classroom. | | Teacher instructs synchronously (live, real-time) from the classroom. |
| Schedule | Following the 6-day schedule rotation | | Following the 6-day schedule rotation |
| Programs | English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Special Area Classes | | English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Special Area Classes |
| Specials | Art, Library, and Music taught in homeroom or in the special area classroom; Health/PE taught outdoors or in the gymnasium. | | Art, Health/PE, Music, and Library taught synchronously from the special area classroom. |
| Lunch | 30-minute lunch in the cafeteria | | 30-minute lunch break |
| Breaks | Periodic brain breaks | | Periodic brain breaks |
| Device Access & Tech Platforms | Use of district device in the classroom with Google Classroom | | Use of district device with Google Classroom |
| Reading/Math/EL Intervention | Reading, math, and EL interventions provided during the school day | | Reading, math, and EL interventions provided during the school day |
| Special Education | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day | | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day |
| Student Absences | Assignments and missed work due to illness will be shared through the student's Google Classroom. Students will not attend their class virtually | | Absences will need to be communicated to the teacher |

Arcola and High School Families 7-12

Choose In-Person or Methacton Virtual Academy

| Program Aspect | In-Person | | Methacton Virtual Academy |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| School Day Arcola | 8:00 - 3:15 Attends on premises five days a week | O R | 24/7 hour access to content. Teaching staff is available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Friday. |
| School Day High School | 7:30 - 2:20 Attends on premises five days a week | | |
| Class Size | Consistent with District Guidelines | | N/A |
| Teacher | Methacton School District Teacher | | Methacton Virtual Academy Teachers |
| Instructional Format | Teacher instructs in the classroom. | | Asynchronous (independent, self-paced) |
| Schedule | Following the 6-day schedule rotation | | Courses can be worked on in any particular order. Content is paced for completion by the course end date. |
| Programs | Core academic classes and elective classes | | Core academic classes and elective classes |
| Lunch | 30-minute lunch in the cafeteria | | Scheduled by student and facilitator as the schedule allows |
| Breaks | Periodic brain breaks | | Scheduled by student and facilitator as the schedule allows |
| Device Access & Tech Platforms | Use of district device in the classroom with Google Classroom | | Use of district device with Google Classroom |
| North Montco Technical Career Center | District coordinates schedule with NMTCC | | MVA allows for a flexible schedule, but the district will coordinate with the student's participation with NMTCC |
| Special Education | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day | | IEP, GIEP, and Related Services support provided during the day |
| Student Absences | Assignments and missed work due to illness will be shared through the student's Google Classroom. Students <u>will not</u> attend their class virtually | | Assignments and activities are always available for students to complete |

How to Choose an Educational Option

Families will choose either the In-Person or Methacton Online (K-6) or Methacton Virtual Academy (7-12) instructional model for each child enrolled in the Methacton School District.

Parents/Guardians will complete a survey in their PowerSchool Parent Portal beginning **June 1, 2021 through June 7, 2021** to indicate their choice. If a survey is not completed by June 7, 2021, the student will default to in-person learning.

Students are committed to their instructional model until **January 2022**. Families will have the option to change their child's instructional model for the second-half of the school year through a survey in **November 2021**.

Please contact your child's building administrator with any questions.

Special Education, Gifted Education, and 504 Service Agreements

Special education and gifted education supports and services will be delivered as outlined in your child's IEP/GIEP in the educational options. In addition, students with 504 service agreements will receive the accommodations outlined in their plan whether they participate in the in-person or all online option. If you have any questions with regards to your child's educational programming, services or accommodations, please contact your child's case manager and/or special education supervisor so they can assist you.

English Language (EL) services will be provided for students who are eligible for this support in the educational options. If you have specific questions about your child's services, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal.

Technology

Teachers in grades K-12 will utilize the online Google Classroom platform for all students in-person and with the Methacton Online options for students in Grades 5-12, and the Methacton Virtual Academy will be for students in Grades K-4.

Students will interact with digital tools, curriculum resources, and online resources in all of the educational options. Teachers plan lessons to meet the learning styles of students. Families can expect to see collaboration among students in all options.

The level of at-home support needed will vary based on age and skill level of the student, but some support is necessary to help the child succeed in the virtual environment.

Digital Resources

The district subscribes to a limited number of digital tools and resources to support students, families, and teachers with their learning. Examples of digital tools used with instructional planning are Seesaw, Kami, Flipgrid, EdPuzzle, Screencastify, Jamboard, Kahoot, Nearpod, Class Dojo, Quizlet, Quizziz, Padlet, Google Docs, Forms, and Slides.

Student Devices

Care of Technology

Every Methacton School District student is provided with a computer device for use in the educational options. This device is the student's connection to the classroom, teachers, and learning. Students will continually expand how they use 1-to-1 computing to enhance their learning.

Student devices should be charged every day before arriving at school. Students should create a routine each evening to charge their device overnight. Students choosing to attend school on premises are required to bring their device with them to school daily.

Support for Your District Device

Do not take your device to an outside company for repair. All repairs must go through the Methacton Technology Department.

Please visit support.methacton.org for all information and processes regarding device repair and support.

Please be sure to visit Technology Resources on our website at:
<https://www.methacton.org/Page/301>

Please be sure to visit the Responsible Use Agreement on our website at:
<https://www.methacton.org/Page/298>

Communicating with Methacton

Methacton School Administrators

In the event that you have questions or concerns related to your child's learning experience, you should first reach out to the teacher and/or counselor. If your question is not answered or your concern is not addressed after such communication, please email your child's school administrator.

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS | | |
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| Arrowhead Elementary School | Dr. Aaron Roberts | aroberts@methacton.org |
| Eagleville Elementary School | Dr. Kelley Harmer | kharmer@methacton.org |
| Woodland Elementary School | Dr. Debra Euker | deuker@methacton.org |
| Worcester Elementary School | Dr. Al Lonoconus, Principal Ms. Joyce Amici, Dean of Students | alonoconus@methacton.org jamici@methacton.org |
| SKYVIEW UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | |
| Principal | Mrs. Nicole Berical | nberical@methacton.org |
| Dean of Students | Ms. Emily Otero | eotero@methacton.org |
| ARCOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL | | |
| Principal | Dr. Amy Mangano | amangano@methacton.org |
| Assistant Principal | Mr. Gerald Thompson | gthompson@methacton.org |
| METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL | | |
| Principal | Dr. Jamie Gravinese | jgravinese@methacton.org |
| Assistant Principal - Grade 12; Grade 9 Administrator Last Names A-GO | Dr. Karey Kochenour | kkochenour@methacton.org |
| Assistant Principal - Grade 11; Grade 9 Administrator Last Names GP-O | Mr. Dan Bontempo | dbontempo@methacton.org |
| Assistant Principal - Director of Athletics & Activities | Dr. Paul Spiewak | pspiewak@methacton.org |
| Assistant Principal - Grade 10; Grade 9 Administrator Last Names P-Z | Mr. John Smink | jsmink@methacton.org |

Student Well-Being Supports

As all of us face the reality of this pandemic, we understand that this can be stressful for our students and their families. As a school district, we strive to establish a learning environment where all students can continue their academic progress, promote a strong sense of community for our students, and support students' social and emotional well-being. Our Methacton School District Counselors can be of tremendous value during these times, and families are encouraged to take advantage of various resources available to support students and their families. Should you have any questions regarding resources available, or you would like to discuss supports available to support your child, please contact your child's counselor.

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Arrowhead Elementary School | | | Mrs. Kelly Cohen | kcohen@methacton.org |
| Eagleville Elementary School | | | Ms. Lori Shaw | lshaw@methacton.org |
| Woodland Elementary School | | | Mrs. Linda Ehmer | lehmer@methacton.org |
| Worcester Elementary School | | | Mrs. Shannon Snyder | ssnyder@methacton.org |
| SKYVIEW UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | | | |
| Counselor - 5th Grade | | | Mrs. Beth VanBuren | bvanburen@methacton.org |
| Counselor - 6th Grade | | | Mrs. Duperly Hadrick | dhadrick@methacton.org |
| ARCOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL | | | | |
| Counselor - 7th Grade | | | Mr. Mark Mueller | mmueller@methacton.org |
| Counselor - 8th Grade | | | Mrs. Stephanie Berardelli | sberardelli@methacton.org |
| METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL | | | | |
| | Senior Alpha | Underclass Alpha | | |
| Counselor | A-CL | A-CL | Mr. Will Peck | wpeck@methacton.org |
| Counselor | CO-G | CM-GO | Mrs. Roxanne Henning | rhenning@methacton.org |
| Counselor | H-LL | GP-KO | Miss Lianne Dacri | ldacri@methacton.org |
| Counselor | LO-PA | KR-O | Mr. Dave Ruminski | druminski@methacton.org |
| Counselor | PE-SR | P-SR | Mr. Rob Howard | rhoward@methacton.org |
| Counselor | ST-Z | ST-Z | Mrs. Cindy Hartson | chartson@methacton.org |

Methacton School District Nursing Staff

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSING STAFF | | |
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| Arrowhead Elementary | Kelly Benarick RN, CSN | kbenarick@methacton.org |
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| Woodland Elementary | Mary Thomas RN, CSN | mthomas@methacton.org |
| Worcester Elementary | Jodi Lattanze RN, CSN | jlattanze@methacton.org |
| SKYVIEW UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | |
| Skyview Upper Elementary School | Valerie Lozinak RN, CSN | vlozinak@methacton.org |
| | Kim McDonald RN, CSN | kmcdonald@methacton.org |
| ARCOLA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL | | |
| Arcola Intermediate School | Joni Cosgriff RN, CSN | jcosgriff@methacton.org |
| | Kim McDonald RN, CSN | kmcdonald@methacton.org |
| METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL | | |
| Methacton High School | Cheryl Peiffer RN, CSN | cpeiffer@methacton.org |
| | Kathy Thompson RN, CSN | kthompson@methacton.org |

Resources

[MSD Health & Safety Plan](#) (revised 4-27-2021; changes may be proposed in July 2021)

[How to access forms in PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[How to translate Forms in PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[Download instructions on how to create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

[Download instructions on how to add an additional student to an existing Parent Portal account](#)

Click [HERE](#) if you forgot your PowerSchool Parent Portal username and/or password.

Click [HERE](#) for PowerSchool Frequently Asked Questions.

[Methacton School District Family Resource Center](#)

[Other Resources](#)