

# **METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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2021-2022 School Year

RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL/HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

# 2021-2022 School Year

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# Assumptions for 2021-2022 SY

- Instruction
  - In person instruction K-12 is default delivery mode
  - Online option available K-12
  - IEP accommodations provided as determined by IEP team
- Health and Safety Plan required by PDE
  - Distancing at 3 feet or greater whenever feasible
  - Masking required
  - Sanitization/disinfection protocols remain with minor modifications
  - Quarantine protocol – as per County guidance
  - Modifications may be necessary as recommendations/mandates occur
  - Rapid testing continues for staff with potential for student/athlete testing
  - Wider vaccination reach (more adults and students)
- Plan Structure
  - Based on:
    - Assumption that County Incidence and Positivity Rates are appropriate for implementation
    - Estimate of current enrollment in K-6 for in person & online as of April 12, 2021 – We anticipate 20% more students to be in person next school year.
    - Estimate of current enrollment 7-12 for in person & online as of April 12, 2021 along with April 2021 survey results – We anticipate 20% more students to be in person next school year.

# In Person Instruction Plan (Grades K-12)

- Default Option
  - 5 day per week schedule (Traditional in person student/teacher schedule)
  - **No dual mode instruction**
  - Will maintain 1 to 1 device, Google Classroom, & Flexible Instructional Days
  - Continuity of in person instruction for students during quarantine/extended absence will be asynchronous through Google Classroom with Teacher/Instructional Assistant support as needed
  - Continuity of work for in person staff during COVID-19 quarantine through synchronous Zoom and use of Google Classroom from home with in person/on site monitor where appropriate

# On Line Instruction Plan (Grades 7-12)

- Requires parent request
  - Student must commit to all online for 1st Semester -Can choose in person return for mid January
- 5 day per week
- 7-12 (Methacton Virtual Academy)
  - All students will receive an in person schedule along with a Methacton Virtual Academy listing of aligned courses
  - Online instruction is asynchronous
  - Online instruction is coordinated/progress monitored by Methacton staff
  - Special Education/Gifted/ELD/Instructional Support provided
  - Will maintain 1 to 1 device & have access to Google Classroom & Flexible Instructional Days
  - IEP accommodations provided as determined by IEP team
  - Can return to in person instruction mid January 2022 (requires parent request by November 30, 2021)

# On Line Instruction Plan (Grades K-6)

- Requires parent request
  - Student must commit to all online for 1st Semester - Can choose in person return for mid January
- 5 day per week
- **K-6 (Methacton Online)**
  - All students will receive an online schedule/teacher assignment
  - Online instruction is synchronous with some asynchronous lessons and are taught by a Methacton Teacher
  - Methacton Teacher is an online only teacher with sections by grade from across the district
  - Special Areas/Special Education/Gifted/ELD/Instructional Support taught by a Methacton Teacher - combination of asynchronous and synchronous delivery
  - In class with other online students only
  - Will maintain 1 to 1 device, Google Classroom, & Flexible Instruction Days
  - Can return to in person instruction mid January 2022 (requires parent request by November 30, 2021)
    - **NOTE: High likelihood that change at this point in SY will impact student schedule/teacher assignment/building assignment (students may be required to attend building outside their regular area)**
  - IEP accommodations provided as determined by IEP team
  - Kindergarten online available in the afternoon session only

# Projected Costs

- Estimated between 92 – 231 online students 7-12 at a per semester cost of \$2,089/student or projected maximum of \$482,559 per semester. Plan to use ESSER's 3 Funding.
- Potential need for long term substitutes at the K-6 level depending on the Methacton Online enrollment by grade across district. Estimated at \$55K/YR or not to exceed \$275,000 (if need 1 in each grade for full YR). Plan to use ESSER's 3 Funding.
- Costs for 2 individuals to coordinate/monitor 7-12 progress estimated between \$15K (for Supplemental contract) or 1-2 TOA (costs of long term subs (\$110K). Plan to use ESSER's 3 Funding.
- Classroom/Offices and Cleaning supplies and disposable masks \$125K. Plan to use ESSER's 3 Funding.

**Current Estimate** = \$1.48M use of \$1.7M ESSER's Funding

# Health and Safety Plan

- Masking
  - No modification to indoor plan with exception of built in breaks (K-6)
  - Consider the requirement of masking when in outdoor recess/Physical Education - determination prior to school start
- Distancing
  - 3 feet or greater when feasible
  - Allows for seating based on class size Board policy
- Lunch
  - Modified schedule/locations / Return to hot meals
  - Distancing remains at 6 feet whenever feasible
  - Use of Plexiglas at lunch tables (5 feet)/siblings seated together
  - Pre-Order at Elementary Level where appropriate
- Special Areas/Specialist (All Levels)
  - Return to push in and pull out services to provide support
  - Students rotate to special area classrooms
- Music Concerts/Instruction/Performance/Lessons
  - Consider modifications/location changes for concerts/performances where appropriate
  - Music lessons and vocal under review – determination prior to school start
- Transportation/Early Drop Off Service
  - Car ridership and campus congestion need further review – determination following bus use survey
- Athletics/Activities/Assemblies/Field Trips
  - PIAA input required before July
  - Consider modifications/location changes for Career Day/Guest Speakers/Assemblies where appropriate
- Health and Safety Response/Isolation/Exclusion/Contact Tracing Protocols
  - Isolation Rooms remain
  - Follow MontCo Standard for Screening and Contact Tracing
- Rapid Testing (Staff/Students)
  - Continue with staff testing and where practical include students



# Health and Safety Plan

- Travel
  - Will continue to monitor guidance and communicate when appropriate
- Recess/Physical Education
  - Outdoor
    - Normal recess/physical education with before and after hand sanitization required
    - Locker room use resumes where appropriate
  - Indoor
    - Normal recess/physical education with before and after hand sanitization required
    - Masking required/Distancing required
    - Locker room use resumes where appropriate
    - Pool use resumes for physical education
- Facilities
  - Water Fountains – Convert remaining to bottle fillers
- Safety Security/Volunteers
  - ID Badges required 5-12
  - Volunteer program returns to normal – must follow staff protocols
- Cleaning/Sanitization/Disinfection
  - Reduction of frequency of disinfection protocol (high touch points/twice daily)
  - Teacher cleaning responsibilities reduced
  - No regular disinfection of recess or physical education equipment
  - Increase attention to personal hygiene/sanitization
- Classroom/Student Transition Protocols/Shared Materials
  - Return to dual directional hallways student and staff transitions
  - Return to use of shared materials- requiring before and after hand sanitization protocol

# Timeline

- April 20 – Present at Board Work Session
- April 27 – Plan Board Approval
- April 28 – Post for Methacton Virtual Academy Coordinator(s) (Grades 7-12)
- May 2021 – Hire MVA Coordinators
- June 1 - Parent/Student Selection Process Opens
- June 7 – Parent/Student Selection Process Closes
- July 15 – K-6 Teacher Assignment Complete
- July 2021 – Athletics/Activities and Overall Health & Safety Plan Update (as needed)
- Aug 2021 – Methacton Online Student Orientation (Grades K-6)
- Aug 2021 – Methacton Virtual Academy Student Orientation (Grades 7-12)
- Aug 30 – First Student Day of 2021-2022 School year