

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the first day of school?

August 17, 2020

What will the school hours be?

MISD will not accept student on campus until 7:35a.m. The school day will start at 8:00am and conclude by 3:30pm

Do I have to register my student if we are choosing virtual instruction?

Yes, all students must be registered. This included both on-site and virtual. Students attempting to register on Monday, August 17, 2020 will be sent home with a registration packet to complete and advised to return to school on August 18, 2020.

What types of instruction will MISD offer?

MISD will offer bot On-Site and Virtual Instruction

Will masks be required?

Masks or face shield will be required of ALL students and staff participating on-site. Masks must be provided from home.

What if my child cannot or we do not believe in them wearing a masks?

Virtual instruction will be required for students not wearing masks or face shields.

Will masks have to be worn all day long?

MISD will make efforts to socially distance where possible; however, face coverings will be required when this is not possible.

Will MISD screen for COVID-19 symptoms?

Yes, all students may be subject for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering campus or the school bus (parents must be present during this time).

Are walk in appointments available to discuss situations with staff or administration?

MISD is taking every effort to operate under a closed campus format. All conferences are to be scheduled and take place by telephone whenever possible.

Are students eating in the cafeteria?

For breakfast only -- Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes will eat in the cafeteria. The rest of the school will have breakfast delivered to their classroom. For lunch, MISD has added an

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additional lunch period to the daily schedule. This will allow all our students to eat in the cafeteria while maintaining social distancing.

If I want to make sure the school is aware that we want to take advantage of virtual instruction what should I do?

Email the school at panther@meyersvilleisd.org and notify the school of student's name and grade level.

Can students switch between on-site and virtual instruction?

Students can move to virtual instruction with very few limitations; however, students wishing to move from virtual to on-site can only do so at the end of the grading period.

What are the requirements for virtual instruction?

Students participating virtually are held to the same academic and attendance standards as students participating on-site. This includes daily participation in learning and daily academic submissions. Lessons will be assigned and completed on the same dates as on-site peers.

What support will be available for my child participating virtually?

Students will be able to access the same material as on-site learners. Teachers will provide either live or recorded presentations of the concepts. Students/ parents will be able to access teachers during daily conference periods.

Can students wait in front of the school in the mornings until the campus is open?

No, initially parents must be with students until released to a MISD staff member.

Can students be dropped off in the side parking lots?

No, until further notice, all students must be dropped off in the front loop.

Can I eat in the cafeteria with my student?

Not at this time. MISD is operating under a closed campus.

I heard that students are to bring their own water – is this true?

Yes, initially MISD is closing down all common appliances to include water dispensers/coolers and microwaves. Students should bring water from home in a spill proof container.

What symptoms are considered COVID-19 symptoms?

Information has been provided at www.meyersvilleisd.org under the "Important Information and Updates" tab.

Will students have to stay home if exposed (on campus or off campus) to a person with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis?

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Multiple variables are involved to include how close the contact was, the duration of the exposure, and the presence of personal protective equipment (masks/ shield). See www.meyersvilleisd.org "Important Information and Updates" for detailed information.

Will students receive academic materials while under quarantine?

Students required to quarantine will switch to virtual instruction.

Are busses running for MISD?

Yes, bus routes are still planned at this time. Parents are encouraged to drop off their students and pick them up as car riders if at all possible.

Will bus routes be the same as last year?

No, bus routes and times will be different this year due to COVID-19 safety measures. Additionally, it is expected that routes will be delayed and vary from a timing perspective as students change ridership.

Are MISD and CISD still doing the bus switch out?

MISD and CCISD are not doing the student switch out in an attempt to reduce viral transmission opportunities.

When will we know bus times?

Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Did I hear that parents have to be at the bus pick up location?

Yes, initially parents will have to be at the bus pick-up location until the students is allowed on the bus.

If I disagree with a staff member's decision that a student is not allowed to board the bus or enter the campus due to possible COVID-19 symptoms or not having satisfied designated procedures, what options do I have?

Contact the school office to schedule a phone conference with Superintendent Dunn or his designee.

How will car riders be dismissed?

Car riders will be dismissed through the front circle to parents. Parents must stay in their vehicle. MISD will initially stagger dismissal times starting with our younger students at 3:15. If your student is not ready for pickup when you get to the front of the drop off loop you will need to return to the end of the line.

Is MISD open for campus visitors?

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No, non-student/ non-staff individuals are restricted as a COVID-19 health and safety precaution.

Can I meet with my child's teacher if it becomes necessary?

Conferences and meetings will be scheduled and held virtually or by phone until designated otherwise.

Will procedures be in place for COVID-19?

All students and staff will have to follow protocols in place related to COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, and diagnosis. Additional information on this can be found at www.meyersvilleisd.org under "Important Information and Updates"

Will MISD be social distancing?

MISD will be social distancing "when possible". We have hired additional staff to split some of our lower grade classes. We have also ordered plastic dividers for each student desk/table. (Unfortunately, these are not expected to be present when school starts). Wearing PPE will be a necessity due to limited social distancing options.

Will MISD be cleaning classes daily?

Custodial cleaning schedules will be in place to allow for repeated cleanings/ disinfecting of common and high touch areas throughout the day.

How will I find out about my child's virtual learning program?

Teachers will be in contact with families that have chosen this option to provide specific details on the virtual program children will be following in their class. Material will be provided electronically by the teacher. Each teacher has a scheduled conference period during the day to answer student questions.

Can students doing virtual instruction wait and complete all their assignments over the weekend?

No the State and TEA requires daily participation and work submission by virtual instruction students. Due to this, recorded lessons and information will only be available the day they are assigned until 11:59 pm. Students in K-5 should plan on having 180 minutes of virtual material to interact with daily. Students in 6-8 should plan on having 240 minutes of virtual material to interact with daily. Students required to go to virtual instruction due to COVID-19 factors will be held to the same standard of accountability until COVID-19 is verified by a medical professional. Diagnosis of COVID-19 accompanied by symptoms that do not allow the student to complete classwork will afford the student greater leeway in academic submissions and timelines.

Will teachers provide reminders to students/ parents when assignments have not been submitted?

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Teachers will provide clear guidelines and due dates for all materials. Completion and submission of the assignments is the responsibility of the student and teachers do not have to provide personal reminders.

Is technology support available from the school?

Families with technology needs associated with virtual instruction should email the school at panthers@meyersvilleisd.org.

What learning management system is MISD using for virtual instruction?

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will use SeeSaw for a LMS. Grades 1-8 will use Google Classroom as the LMS.

Will MISD have a Meet the Teacher Night?

No, due to social distancing a group dynamics, MISD will not have a “schoolwide” Meet the Teacher opportunity. The replacement activities for this night are listed below.

Meet the Teacher Alternatives

More details will come from teachers next week; however, wanted to give you basic notice for planning.

- *Pre-K - individual on Thursday 8/13 (am and pm)
- *Kinder - individual on Thursday 8/13 (am and pm)
- *First - individual on Wednesday 8/12 (am and pm)
- *Second - individual on Wednesday 8/12 (am and pm)
- *Third - individual on Thursday 8/13 (am and pm)
- *Zoom meeting Thursday 8/13 @ 6:00pm - 4th and 5th grade
- *Thursday 8/13 @ 7:00 6th-8th

Masks are required when attending individual parent/teacher/student met the teacher opportunities. Please, no siblings and single parent attendance.

What will happen if other students or parents do not follow the health and safety procedures in place while my child is present for on-site learning?

Students and/or parents not in compliance with or refusing to follow health and safety measures will be removed from on-site learning and required to participate virtually.

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