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Highlights of MPS Return to School Plans for Fall 2020

In-Person Learning and Safety Protocols

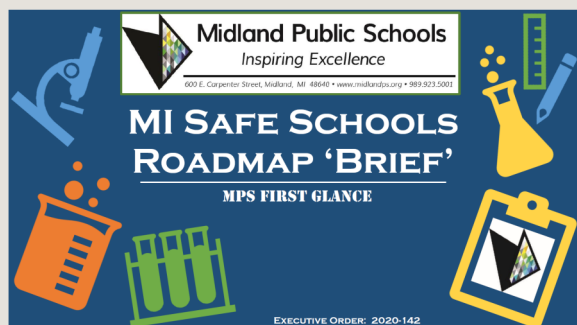
The Governor's office released a Michigan Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap on June 30, 2020. https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_Safe_Schools_Roadmap_FINAL_695392_7.pdf

This plan has provided details to help us plan for in-person learning this fall. The Governor's Executive Order 2020-142 requires all school districts to adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan to lay out how we will provide learning environments that are as safe as possible for staff and students through all six (6) Phases of the MI Start Plan.

For those regions classified by the Governor as being in Phases 1-3, the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap restricts in-person instruction of any kind—remote learning is mandated.

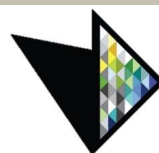
Midland is currently in Phase 4, which allows in-school instruction with "required" safety protocols; "strongly recommended" protocols; and "merely recommended" protocols. If Midland should be "promoted" to Phases 5 and/or 6 based on reduced COVID-19 cases, some safety protocols would be relaxed.

Have you been wondering what school will look like this fall for MPS students and staff? If Midland remains in Phase 4, here is a high-level overview of the Midland Public Schools' **Phase 4 Plan**:
<http://www.midlandps.org/docs/district/depts/24/MPSRoadmapBrief-Public.pdf>



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MPS Remote Learning Is a Great Option



Midland Public Schools
Virtual Academy

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, MPS is launching the **Midland Public Schools Virtual Academy** for students in grades Kindergarten through High School whose family is looking for an on-line educational option for their child.

The Midland PS Virtual Academy will bring together the MPS respected and trained instructional staff members our families know and trust with a proven successful virtual learning program.

- ⇒ The Grade K-5 Virtual Academy will utilize Midland PS teachers & Edgenuity's Accelerated Learning.
- ⇒ The Grade 6-12 Virtual Academy will blend Midland PS teachers and Edgenuity Courseware, which MPS has been using successfully for 15 years at the high school level, to assist students in successfully reaching their educational and graduation goals!

MPS believes the Midland PS Virtual Academy will offer our families the best of both worlds: a combination of the MPS teachers you know and trust with a proven, award winning virtual program—Edgenuity.

[There is no cost for your child to attend the Midland PS Virtual Academy.]

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MPSCConnect

is a convenient communications tool for you to connect with me. Every message comes to my desktop. Either I or another MPS staff member will do all we can to reply to your message within the next work day. <https://www.midlandps.org/content2/706>

— Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent

In-Person Learning and Safety Protocols (continued)

Should the Governor return Midland to Phases 1, 2 or 3:

- All MPS schools would close for in-person instruction
- Remote learning would be required for the entire District

MPS has purchased a Learning Management System (LMS) called **CANVAS** to better assist staff in building courses and classwork. This summer, Midland PS administrative and instructional staff members have participated in professional development opportunities organized around the use of CANVAS and have spent countless hours prepping their instruction to be as prepared as possible to provide a high level remote learning experience should Midland be returned to Phase 1, 2 or 3.



Should the Governor “promote” Midland to Stage 5:

- Facial coverings will be required in all spaces K-12 with the exception of classrooms

Should Midland be further “promoted” to Stage 6

- Safety protocols will no longer be required
- Proper hygiene protocols will continue

Safety Measures and PPE Being Purchased/Implemented by MPS:

Here are a couple of links highlighting some safety measures MPS has put in place to protect our students and staff as we return to in-school learning in August:

On the bus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Q7CYmBO28U>

Across the District: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e0fdf6ef-2d27-47c1-bef1-c2each7607ff>

Midland Public Schools Virtual Academy Remote Learning Is an Great Option (continued)

The benefit of a virtual education is that it is flexible and self-paced. Daily assignment expectations are important components of the program. Students who wish, may work ahead.

There will also be face-to-face virtual meetings with the teacher for students to ask questions as well as to receive instruction and feedback as needed. MPS virtual teachers and mentors will work in partnership with you and your child to find the structure that best fits your child as well as hold them accountable!

Below are just a couple samples of an elementary and secondary daily structure. These times are just a sample! The idea is that an elementary student can expect to have assignments every day in the core subjects (Math, English, Science and Social Studies) and auxiliary courses 1-2 times per week. High school students should expect to have six courses with assignments each day. More about course selection will be available in future communications.

Want to know more about Edgenuity? Here are several links with additional information:

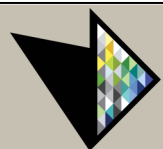
- Edgenuity's Accelerate Learning for Grades K-5:
<https://www.edgenuity.com/video-library/?vid=6073377315001>
<https://www.edgenuity.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/edgenuity-K-5-Core-IS-flyer.pdf>
- Edgenuity Courseware for Grades 6-12:
<https://www.edgenuity.com/video-library/?vid=4109760660001>

Interested in Registering for MPS Virtual Academy for the fall? <https://forms.gle/WgNey3xJ2VA4JdTLA>
(We suggest those interested may want to register soon for space may be limited.)

For info: Jeffrey Lauer, Principal, MPS Virtual Academy
989-923-5084; lauerjm@midlandps.org

Sample MPS Virtual Academy Elementary and Secondary Daily Structures

A sample ELEMENTARY day →		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9 – 9:45	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 1
	10 - 10:45	Math 1	Math 1	Math 1	Math 1	Math 1
	11 – 11:45	Science 1	Science 1	Science 1	Science 1	Science 1
	1 – 1:45	Social Studies 1	Social Studies 1	Social Studies 1	Social Studies 1	Social Studies 1
	2 – 2:45	PE and Health 1	Arts & Crafts 1	PE and Health 1	Arts & Crafts 1	Music
A sample MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL day →		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7:30 – 8:30	English 7	English 7	English 7	English 7	English 7
	8:30 – 9:30	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7
	9:30 – 10:30	Science 7	Science 7	Science 7	Science 7	Science 7
	10:30 – 11:30	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 7
	12:30 – 1:30	Elective 1	Elective 1	Elective 1	Elective 1	Elective 1
	1:30 – 2:30	Elective 2	Elective 2	Elective 2	Elective 2	Elective 2



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JOIN OUR MPS TEAM

Current Open Positions

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Position	Location	Posting End Date
Bus Driver, Substitute	MPS Transportation	Until filled
Coach, Assistant, Softball	Midland HS	July 22, 2020
Coach, Head, Wrestling	HH Dow HS	July 14, 2020
Director of Special Services	Administration Center	Until filled
Paraprofessional, Substitute	District-wide	Until filled
Teacher, Industrial Education	District	Until filled

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[https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/
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Community Flyers:

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communityflyers](https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers)


School/Building Phone Numbers:

Administration	923-5001
Adams Elementary	923-6037
Carpenter Pre-Primary	923-6411
Central Park Elem.	923-6836
Chestnut Hill Elem.	923-6634
Plymouth Elementary	923-7616
Siebert Elementary	923-7835
Woodcrest Elementary	923-7940
Jefferson Middle	923-5873
Northeast Middle	923-5772
H. H. Dow High	923-5382
Midland High	923-5181

Join us in sending our congratulations and best wishes to these
MPS students & graduates:

- ⇒ Woodcrest Elementary 1st Grade student **Ellie Martindale**, who raised over \$250 for the Midland Area Community Foundation's Flood Relief Fund.
(Photo courtesy of MACF)



- ⇒ 2020 H. H. Dow High graduate **Mahum Hakim** has been awarded  Fulbright 4-year MAC scholarship from Central Michigan University.



- ⇒ 2020 Midland High graduate **Corbin Fleming-Dittenber**, who was awarded the Michigan Elks Association \$1,000 Scholarship.



Congratulations to Ellie, Mahum and Corbin!

**1st Day of School for the 2020-21 school year ...
Monday. August 31, 2020.**

Have Questions/Need Assistance? Call 989-923-5001

**Wise
words to
ponder ...**

"The child in you, like all children, loves to laugh, to be around people who can laugh at themselves and life. Children instinctively know that the more laughter we have in our lives, the better." — Wayne Dyer

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