



Kennedy Middle Grade School

2020-2021 BACK TO SCHOOL

What will students experience when they enter our building this year?

At this time, here are some key elements of the health & safety protocols:

- Masks are required for all students entering the building and on busses
- Symptoms assessed on a daily basis, including temperature checks before entering the building or getting on the bus (must be under 100.4)
- All staff will be required to wear a mask as well as conduct a daily symptom check.
- Increased handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Increased cleaning protocols in place
- Social distancing (6 feet apart) will be followed
- Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom.

What to expect the first three weeks of school:

- August 19 – Online Connections begin with your student
- August 24 - Online learning begins – Students are encouraged to check in daily
- Link-Up Begins – August 24 – This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and get information for the school year. Your student will also be taking a benchmark assessment during this time. Please check your email for a link to sign up!

Blended Learning Option – Begins September 7th:

- Students will have the opportunity to attend school, in-person, two days each week, as needed. Students will be placed in Cohort A (Tuesday/Thursday) or Cohort B (Wednesday/Friday). Every attempt to coordinate siblings will be made.
- Arrival will begin at 8:30 and Dismissal will be at 1:00.
- All instructional assignments will be the same for all students regardless of the option selected.
- Music, PE and Art 3-week units will be provided through remote learning with some in-person instruction to guide the units.
- Remote instruction and support will be provided from 2:25-3:55 Tuesday – Friday and Monday mornings.
- Identified students, needing additional support, may be asked to attend during additional hours. Parents will be notified.

Remote Learning Option:

- Students will be provided lessons via Google Classroom, daily. All instructional assignments will be the same for all students regardless of the option selected.
- Students will join the in-person classroom for real-time instruction and discussion, as guided by their classroom teacher during the morning instructional block
- Remote instruction and support will be provided from 2:25-3:55, Tuesday- Friday and Monday mornings.
- Students needing additional assistance, can contact their teacher for times.

Full-time Option:

- Option includes instruction, academic support, and childcare (limited availability).
- Students will attend with their cohort from 9:00-1:00.
- Following instructional block, students will be supervised, in another space (in the building or the community), by non-instructional staff to complete assignments

Registration

PLEASE register TODAY!! The building will be open 8 – 4 every day to assist you. Contact us at 815-802-4801

Communication

Our staff will communicate with you and your child through various modes; Google Classroom, Class DOJO, emails, texts, phone calls and home visits as needed. Please help us by making every attempt to connect with your child's teacher through these modes. We want to keep you informed!

Our Pledge to You:

*Regardless of which option you select, your student will receive engaging grade-level appropriate instruction and assessments with support from teachers and non-instructional staff.

*Teams of teachers will develop weekly lessons that will be easily accessible.

*Individual teachers will modify lessons for differentiation and support.

* We will acknowledge your concerns and make your child's health and education our top priority. We will make adjustments, as needed, to get it right!

*We will demonstrate the grace, flexibility, resilience, and creativity we hope to build in our students!

Coming Together is the beginning. Keeping Together is progress. Working Together is Success! ~ Henry Ford