

Thank you to all families and staff who were able to attend the January 20th Informational session for K-2 in person learning. The session was not recorded, however here is a list of Questions and Answers that were asked that we thought would be helpful for families who were not able to attend.

Please refer to this In-Person Guide as well for more information <https://www.smores.com/tg2ua>

For information on when your child needs to stay home/go home please click here-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NVEuEI7nfSn1feEn5npRN5LVUagznbt6/view?usp=sharing>

For the self assurance morning checklist please click here

<https://maldenps.org/daily-screening-protocol-for-families/>

If you are sending students in for Hybrid learning Please complete the Student Health information and email to

Lindennurses@maldenps.org

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UQy03AQ6-eevuPzRS8Po7OZht3-Pry3/view?usp=sharing>

Please check out the bottom of the document for images of some changes within the school.

Important Dates

- Thursday January 21st Survey is to be completed
- Please let us know if your family needs to join another family for Hybrid learning cohorts by Friday January 21st
- January 27th Cohorts will be shared with families- you will be notified of Blue Cohort or Gold Cohort.
- February 1st Hybrid students will begin following their cohort schedule. Remote students will follow the new schedule.

Question	Answer
Are there any infrastructure changes made to the classroom? Is there any picture or video of how the classroom would look like ?	Tables have been removed from classrooms and replaced with desks facing forward and spaced out 6 feet apart from one another as well as the teacher workspace
Are there going to be classrooms in each grade level that all students are learning remotely? If so is this option to choose?	As of right now ALL teachers are expected to return for in person learning.
Is food being provided by the school? Can we bring our own snacks/lunches in also?	Breakfast and lunch will be provided for free to families. Please have your student bring a snack for snack. If they need their own lunch students can bring that in as well.
Can the kids bring lunch from home?	Yes, but please remember they can not share food or drink with others.
Where will kids eat lunch? in the classroom?	Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria with their cohort spaced 6 feet apart.
How many mask breaks are there?	There will be at least 3 mask breaks. One during breakfast in the classroom, one during snack and one during Lunch. Students can also let the teacher know if they need another mask break due to a specific need for one.

<p>How will mask breaks occur other than at recess, such as in the classroom? How will recess be done when not possible to go outside?</p>	<p>For a mask break students will sit at their assigned seat and maintain a distance of 6 feet from all other students. Indoor recess will be in the classrooms as has been done in the past, students will have to stay in their assigned seat.</p>
<p>Will the kids have recess built into the day?</p>	<p>Recess will be built into the schedule</p>
<p>Currently there is no recess break incorporated in schedule. Will a new schedule be published? What will remote kids do when in person kids have recess?</p>	<p>While in person students have recess, remote students will have an offline learning break to stretch and have their own recess as well.</p>
<p>For recess how are the children going to be kept away from each other especially kindergartners. Will there be a spot that they have to stay in for 15 minutes or they can run around?</p>	<p>Each cohort will have an assigned area to play in for recess. minimizing mixed groups. Within their area they can run around.</p>
<p>Good evening, thank you for sharing the details. My question is regarding kids getting chrome books everyday. Yesterday Superintendent said that kids will be logged in chrome books in person as well and attend the class but I heard from you that they will login occasionally for some activities. Can you please clarify?</p>	<p>Students will not be logged in for Google Meets as they will be live with the teacher. Students may be logged into other Google meets depending on their intervention/student support plan as some teachers will be teaching those groups remotely.</p>
<p>What will the school hours be?</p>	<p>School will start for Kindergarteners at 8:10 and end at 2:10 School will start for Grades 1 and 2 at 8:15 and end at 8:15</p>
<p>How many days out of the week will first graders have in person learning</p>	<p>All K-2 students will have two in person days and three remote days. The in person days will either be Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday depending on their assigned cohort</p>
<p>How many students will be in each cohort?</p>	<p>Cohorts will be no more than 12 students</p>
<p>If we need Thursday and Friday for the two in person learning how do we pick that?</p>	<p>Please contact administration to request cohort days. We will do our best to accommodate families</p>
<p>How will drop off and pick up work?</p>	<p>Drop off and pickup will be on the outside plaza. Classroom teachers will notify families of the drop off and pick up locations</p>
<p>I believe the hybrid/in-person is open only for K to 2 only. Higher graders will continue online?</p>	<p>At this time hybrid learning is for our youngest learners which is K-2. Once we know more information about the next group of students returning we will notify families</p>

<p>I have 3 children, one is in kindergarten, the other in first grade and one in 5th. If I were to bring my kindergartner and first grader to school, how would I do that? My fifth grader starts before 8 and I can't leave her home by-herself. Is there a survey that I can fill out if I want my kids to go to school in person?</p>	<p>Please notify the building administration if your student needs to miss a few minutes of a block in order to drop off your students who are attending hybrid.</p>
<p>If we decide to continue our kids to go online like they do as of now, do I need to inform school. Or this is considered default</p>	<p>If you decide to keep your student remote please complete the survey notifying the school that you will not be sending your child in person. https://forms.gle/BZjQSsReirGqF897</p>
<p>I have already submitted the form online, is there another form I need to fill out?</p>	<p>If you have already submitted the form online there is nothing left to do. If you have not submitted the form please complete the form using this link https://forms.gle/BZjQSsReirGqF897</p>
<p>I heard last night I hope that parents won't send a sick child to school, what is in place to ensure that people know this is a bad idea. Is there any sort of penalty in place to ensure that this is not considered a good idea.</p>	<p>Families are asked to complete the self assurance checklist daily. If a student is sent to school not feeling well they will be sent home, families will need to pick up their child within 30 minutes of being called.</p>
<p>If a child goes away for a few days and comes back from vacation can that child go back to school or does he/she have to wait to go back into the building and how long?</p>	<p>If a student leaves the state they will need to quarantine for 14 days before returning to the school, or receive a negative Covid-19 test after 7 days of quarantine. Students who are in quarantine can still access the classroom through remote via Google Meet</p>
<p>If I choose not to send my son to school now and if I decide to send him later one like after I feel like everything is safer, is there a form that I would have to fill out?</p>	<p>Please notify the school if you change your mind. Students who are remote transitioning to hybrid will need to wait up to 6 weeks before being placed. Students who are hybrid and would like to switch to remote can do so immediately.</p>
<p>Can my child do remote on some class days due to any unforeseen issues?</p>	<p>If your child is symptomatic please keep them home. Please notify the nurse. Students who stay home for symptoms can attend remote classes Lindennurses@maldenps.org</p>
<p>If my child gets sent to the nurse's office for symptoms of a common cold or sniffles, will safeguards be in place to prevent contact with other students who may be in the nurse's office who may actually have COVID.</p>	<p>The nurses office has been rearranged to allow for a separation of students.</p>
<p>If my child has a cold or something else causing symptoms, will he need a negative covid test or just stay home until better? Sniffles can last for weeks.</p>	<p>The nurse will make a determination whether to send a student home or not due to being symptomatic. If the nurse decides that your child needs to go home, the student will need to be picked up within 30 minutes. Please refer to these MPS guidelines as well</p>

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My daughter is an asthmatic. Is there any plan in place to accommodate such students?	The school had the HVAC systems recently updated which allows for better air quality throughout the building. Please contact the school nurse and administration to discuss options for your child.
Should we just let you know ahead of time if a child has allergies? I know in the notice it says runny nose in conjunction with other symptoms but just so someone is aware ahead of time?	If your child has allergies, please notify the nurse along with a Dr. Note stating the symptoms that the child usually exhibits. We will then add this information to our X2 system to ensure all staff working with your child are aware.
If my kindergartner has to use the bathroom is she allowed to get up or does she have to ask permission to do so or wait her turn.	Restrooms will be used in the same way during a normal school year. Classroom teachers will go over the procedures for using the restroom. All Kindergarten classrooms have bathrooms within their classroom, K-2 students will have
If my son/daughter gets a fever and I call the school that he/she has a fever and won't be coming to school, will he/she get an absentee penalty for not coming to school that day?	If your child does not attend remote classes they will be marked absent for the day
if there is a covid case in the classroom/school, when will the parents be notified?	Students who are considered to be a close contact to a positive case will be notified immediately.
Is there any need for parents to donate or help provide additional hand hygiene materials for the classrooms?	If a family would like to donate supplies please contact your classroom teacher
Do we know which specialists will be going into the classrooms and for which the students will be traveling outside the classroom? Will we need to send STEM materials on STEM days?	Students will have all exploratories with the exception of Gym in their classrooms to limit movement. Students who have Gym will go to the Gymnasium. Ms. Degelmann will notify cohort of materials needed for STEM as this is something she would do during the normal school year
for the 2 days cohort that our child is assigned, can we leave their chromebooks and materials in school in lieu of bringing it back and forth?	Students are being asked to travel with their Chromebooks and other essential items. This is due to not knowing if the building will close unexpectedly and students not having their materials to access the content.
Is there a second teacher in the classroom helping out along the school day?	Kindergarten has a paraprofessional assigned to each room. Grades 1 and 2 do not have an additional teacher assigned
Is uniform necessary for in person school?	The uniform is not necessary this year for in person learning

May I have the email to send my preference days please?.	sscott@maldenps.org and rgarcia@maldenps.org
The superintendent suggested last evening that there were a few teachers who would not be returning to in person teaching and their students may need to be reassigned. Are any of those from Linden?	Once it is confirmed which, if any, teachers will not be returning to in person teaching we will notify families of that classroom to give the option of joining another cohort/classroom for the remainder of the year or opting back to remote learning.
What are essentials my child would carry in her school bag every time she comes to attend the class. Especially the personal school supplies (distributed by school while remote learning)	please contact your students teacher for what essential items they should be bringing to and from school. Their Chromebook and Math books are essential
What level of mobility will my child have in the classroom? Are they allowed to move around and go to different areas in the classroom? How long during the day are they in their own space?	Students will be in their seats throughout the day.
What mechanisms are in place to make sure remote learners will have the same learning opportunities as in person?	Remote learners will now be live streamed with in person students all day. Allowing them to access the same materials as the live stream students.
What support will classroom teachers get to manage teaching hybrid and remote simultaneously (training, PD, more staff)? My child will be remote for now and I'm worried about the difficulty teachers could have communicating with both groups.	The district and technology director is in the process of creating training videos to support in person staff with the changes
When are we going to know the schedule of the in-person and remote times? Parents need to know before the in-person classes start so they know what the kids at home know what they're gonna do.	Schedules will be sent out the week of January 25th to teachers and families
When in person kids go to the gym who will attend the online kids? Do they have different teachers for the gym?	All exploratory teachers will live stream their class sessions just as the classroom teachers
Will I have the option of keeping my child remote throughout the school year or will it be compulsory later during the year	You may keep your child remote for as long as the district is offering remote instruction. Once remote instruction ends, it will no longer be an option
Will teachers be spending more time on social/emotional with the kids who join the classroom to help get them acclimated to the new look and "feel"?	Teachers will continue to have their Social Emotional block in their schedule. The first few weeks in person will be similar to the first few weeks of a normal school year where students and teachers go over routines and expectations as well as build their classroom community.
Will the teacher and classes be same and at same time for in person and remote.	Both remote and in-person schedule will be the same so all students will receive the same content

Will there be an afternoon school program since school will be dismissed at 2:15 pm ?

There is currently no afterschool program

Will you require parents to complete emergency forms for pick up information if they choose the hybrid mode?

Parents will complete emergency forms just as they do in a normal school year. They will be sent home the first week of in person school for families to complete









