

## MES FAQ Guide to the 2021-2022 School Year

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### 1. When will the Elementary School be open for my student to enter this year?

The doors will open at 7:35 a.m. this year for car riders and walkers. Students entering the building will go straight to their class. ***Students getting to school by bus earlier than 7:35 a.m. will be allowed into the building and will enter the gyms where social distancing will be followed.***

### 2. Where will students that are car riders or walkers enter the building?

They may enter the Elementary School Doors or the Early Childhood Doors. Preschool and Headstart will use door #20 as they have in the past.

### 3. Will face masks be mandatory for a student to enter the building?

Yes, face masks are mandatory for all staff and students this school year. Students will be given appropriate breaks when allowed to do so. Students will not wear masks during PE or during outside recess. Please understand that this may change based on guidance, metrics, and mitigation efforts.

Please note, masks are required on all bus transportation.

### 4. How will specials work?

Specials will occur in the gym, library, art room and music room this year.

### 5. Will drinking fountains be used?

Bottle filling stations will be used, the drinking fountains will not be used. We will ask all students to bring their own water bottles. They will have opportunities to fill them up throughout the day.

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### **6. Will MES be serving lunch?**

MES will be offering lunches, we will be rotating students eating in classrooms and the lunch room. ***Students will have their own id that they take to the lunchroom to pick up their lunch, if they are getting a hot lunch.***

Lunches will be free this year to all students. If a student wants milk as a separate item, that has to be purchased separately.

### **7. Will students be sharing school supplies?**

No, students will be using their own school supplies within the classroom this year.

### **8. Will MES have a full-time nurse this year?**

Yes, MES will have a full-time nurse for the entire school year.

### **9. Will parents be allowed to volunteer in classrooms this year?**

Yes, we will be working on a plan to allow parents to safely volunteer at designated times.

### **10. Will parents be able to drop off lunches or other supplies to their students?**

Yes, parents can drop off lunches or other supplies to students. Please make sure that the student's name is clearly marked on the lunch.

### **11. Will MES have an open house?**

MES will be having an open house on August 12th. Information about the open house will be communicated at a later date.

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### **12. What are the student times for the building?**

Student's day will start at 7:55 and they will be dismissed at 1:50.  
Preschool session is from 8-10 a.m., session from 12-2 p.m. and Headstart will attend from 8:00-2.

Opportunity hour will start on September 7th, and students have the option to stay until 2:45. We will share more information about opportunity hour soon.

### **13. What do classrooms look like?**

Classrooms have been set up for social distancing with desks set apart from each other and large classroom items removed to make room for students.

### **14. When will Kindergarten and Pre-School start?**

Kindergarten will start on Wednesday, August 18th with the rest of the school.

Orientations will occur on August 20th, for Preschool and Headstart.

Preschool and HeadStart will start on Monday, August 23rd.

More information will be shared about Preschool and Kindergarten.

### **15. When will I know my child's teacher?**

These will be shared out on August 6th, via Skyward.

**We are looking forward to a wonderful 2021-2022 school year!**