



2020-2021 Return to School Guide

Message from the Superintendent

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many staff members that have worked tirelessly on our Reopening Task Force throughout the summer to plan for the start of this most uncommon school year. Their time and commitment to continue to provide educational excellence for all of our students has been nothing short of spectacular. Their work, along with feedback information from parents and students, has resulted in the school district's plan to move forward.

This page serves as a collection point for information regarding the upcoming 2020-21 school year. It will be updated often as plans develop. Click to see the [Return to School Plan](#), published on Monday, August 24.

Our plan is intended to inform all our stakeholders how we will continue to operate and provide educational services throughout the year. This plan's success will depend on the cooperation and collaboration of our parent community, our staff, and our students. Together, with a concentrated effort to support our collective health and well-being, we will succeed.

On Monday, August 17, the Maple Lake School Board approved two base learning models to begin the 2020-21 school year. **PreK-8 students will start in person, and 9-12 students will start in hybrid learning.** All who would prefer to choose remote learning, for any reason, can do so here.

While the learning models in use may shift in response to COVID-19 infection rates during the school year, the chance that these numbers could change substantially enough to alter the learning models before August 31 appears small. We will provide weekly updates during the school year so that families are aware of how the numbers are trending and can be as prepared as possible in case a transition in learning models becomes imminent. More immediate shifts could be necessary if there is a spike in infections; these transitions would occur in consultation with public health officials.

Your Partner in Education,

Mike Rowe
Superintendent