



## Safety Updates:

We continue to practice the safety measures recommended through both our state and district operating procedures [here](#). MESD regularly updates a dashboard on the district website [here](#). Key reminders are below, again, so that we continue to work together to keep our community safe:

- Masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors for all school staff, essential visitors and all scholars.
- No helium or mylar balloons allowed on campus, due to our antiquated fire alarm system which is triggered by these balloons.
- Please plan on your scholar eating lunch outdoors in our field area. As it gets cooler, scholars should dress for the weather. Eating indoors will *only* occur if weather conditions prevent outdoor eating. We have a plan for seating in cohorts and tracking attendance by seating, if and when we need to move indoors due to inclement weather.
- No assemblies or large indoor gatherings are allowed, with all larger school activities needing to be virtual.
- Only essential visitors may come into our buildings for less than 15 minutes, and they must be masked and check in through our Raptor Security screening system. Meetings between school educators and families will be offered virtually.
- If you are driving your scholar to campus, please plan on wishing them a successful day from the parking lot, as we won't be able to have families walking scholars to classrooms at this time.
- Continue to self-screen your scholar prior to sending them to campus. *If there are concerns about illness, your scholar should stay home.* Not sure what symptoms to screen for? [Here is a tool to reference](#). Teachers will maintain Canvas classes (virtual information) if an absence occurs to help with sharing information. **Email teachers directly, if your scholar may need to miss several days of class for any reason so that they can develop a plan for homework with your family.**
- 3 feet of physical distance will be maintained, to the extent possible, during the school day. Our teachers have configured their classrooms to organize learning to meet the spacing guidelines. Band and choir will maintain 6-10 feet of distance when indoors.
- We continue to maintain a “symptom space” in our school in the event that anyone is displaying signs of illness, and we continue to follow district guidelines with families for reported cases of COVID, which includes a process for screening scholars, contact tracing and possibly sending scholars home. If a scholar shows symptoms and has a consent form turned in, our health assistant is able to use a rapid test.
- If you are feeling that in-person learning is not a viable option, please submit your application to the [Online Learning Academy](#) to secure a spot for your scholar. More educators are being added to reduce the waitlist for scholars who have signed up for the OLA.