

**ADDENDA TO
MADISON CITY SCHOOLS FALL 2020 REENTRY PLAN
July 22 Update**

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDELINES

PHASED REOPENING

- **As of July 22, Madison City Schools will operate under a phased reopening.**
 - Students may still choose from two learning options: School-Based Learning Option and Virtual Academy Learning Option.
- **Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, all students (both School-Based and Virtual) will start the school year virtually on August 12.**
 - The previously designated staggered start of August 10-12 will not be implemented due to the phased reopening.
 - Students selecting the **School-Based Learning Option** should plan to learn virtually for the first 9 week grading period. This will be reassessed approximately four weeks into the school year. If there is no change in COVID-19 cases or if the number of cases is still at a very high mark, then the students selecting the School-Based Learning Option will remain virtual through the end of the first 9 week grading period. However, if at that time there is a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases, the district will allow students selecting the School-Based Learning Option to resume in person learning prior to the end of the 9 week grading period. Depending on the COVID-19 situation, students could return to school in a Blended School-Based Learning model or a Full Scale Reopening model.
 - The **Blended School-Based Learning model** will consist of either an A-B Rotation or an A-B-C Rotation. With an A-B Rotation, students will attend in person two days a week and virtually three days a week. With an A-B-C Rotation, students will attend in person one day a week and virtually four days a week. Specialized services would be provided in person one day a week.
 - With the **Full Scale Reopening**, students will return to school in person five days a week. Students will follow the original MCS Reentry Plan Guidelines for returning to school through the School-Based Learning Option
 - Students selecting the **Virtual Learning Academy Option** will start the school year virtually. At the end of the first 9 week grading period, elementary (K-5) students selecting the Virtual Learning Academy Option may choose to remain virtual or return to school through the School-Based Learning Option. This decision for K-5 can be made at the end of each 9 week grading period. At the end of the fall semester, secondary (6-12) students selecting the Virtual Learning Academy Option may choose to remain virtual or return to school in person through the School-Based Learning Option. This decision for 6-12 can be made at the end of the Fall Semester.
- Due to the revised plan for a phased reopening, we are asking that parents/guardians complete the Virtual Learning Academy Intent Form form if they would like their child to participate in the virtual learning option for the 2020-2021 school year. (We realize that families may want to change their child's Learning Intent Option based on the revised plan that was released for a phased reopening.)
 - This form should **only** be completed if a student plans to learn virtually this year (regardless of whether the Learning Intent Form was already completed). If families do not complete this Virtual Learning Academy Intent Form, then those students will automatically be enrolled as School-Based for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - The Virtual Learning Academy Intent Form does not replace the online registration/reenrollment process for the 2020-2021 school year. **Registration/reenrollment must** be completed prior to the completion of this intent form.
 - **For families selecting the Virtual Learning Academy option, please complete the [Madison City Schools Virtual Learning Academy Intent Form](#) for each child to help us build fall class rosters for the Virtual Academy. The deadline to submit responses is 5:00 pm on Monday, July 27.**
- **As stated earlier, with the revised plan for a phased reopening, all students will start school virtually on August 12. Students can still choose from a School-Based Learning Option or a Virtual Academy Learning Option. Students selecting the School-Based Learning Option will start the year virtually. Students may make changes to their learning option at the end of the nine weeks for elementary (K-5) and at the end of the semester for secondary (6-12).**

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDELINES (continued)

PHASED REOPENING (continued)

- As we start the school year virtually, all students will follow the Virtual Learning guidelines previously addressed in the MCS Reentry Plan.

ATTENDANCE

- With the phased reopening of a virtual start to the school year, student attendance will be determined as follows:
 - Students must sign-in to their courses and participate in the online coursework daily
 - Participation in coursework includes (but is not limited to) coursework submissions, assessment completions, and discussion board posts
 - Until students sign-in through the virtual learning platform (Schoology), they will be marked as a “No Show”
 - Returning MCS students must reenroll before the start of the school year

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

- All specialized services (to include IEP, 504, I-ELP, GEP, RTI) will occur virtually during the time when all students are participating in virtual learning.
- EL screening will occur in person.

PROJECT SEARCH

- Project Search is on hold and the district will not be transporting students at this time due to the COVID-19 situation.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

- To support virtual learning, devices and wifi hotspots will be provided for students on an as needed basis.
- Families can pick up a device and/or wifi hotspot beginning July 30. More information will be released in the near future.

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

- With the phased reopening of a virtual start to the school year, information will be released in the near future regarding a virtual orientation for all students.

HEALTH, WELLNESS, SAFETY, AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES

EXTENDED DAY

- Extended Day will not be offered until we return to a Full Scale Reopening in person.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS

- Temperatures of those entering buildings (to include employees and students) will be checked.
- Masks and social distancing protocols will apply in all school facilities as per health guidelines.

CHILD NUTRITION GUIDELINES

- More information will be released about school meal options as soon as we receive guidance from the ALSDE.

LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

- High School Only
 - Students participating in athletics and band can meet in person during the school day at the time of their designated block.
 - Students participating in athletics and band can also meet after school.
 - Transportation will not be provided for extracurricular meetings during the school day or after school practices.
 - Students can and should remain socially distanced during this time.

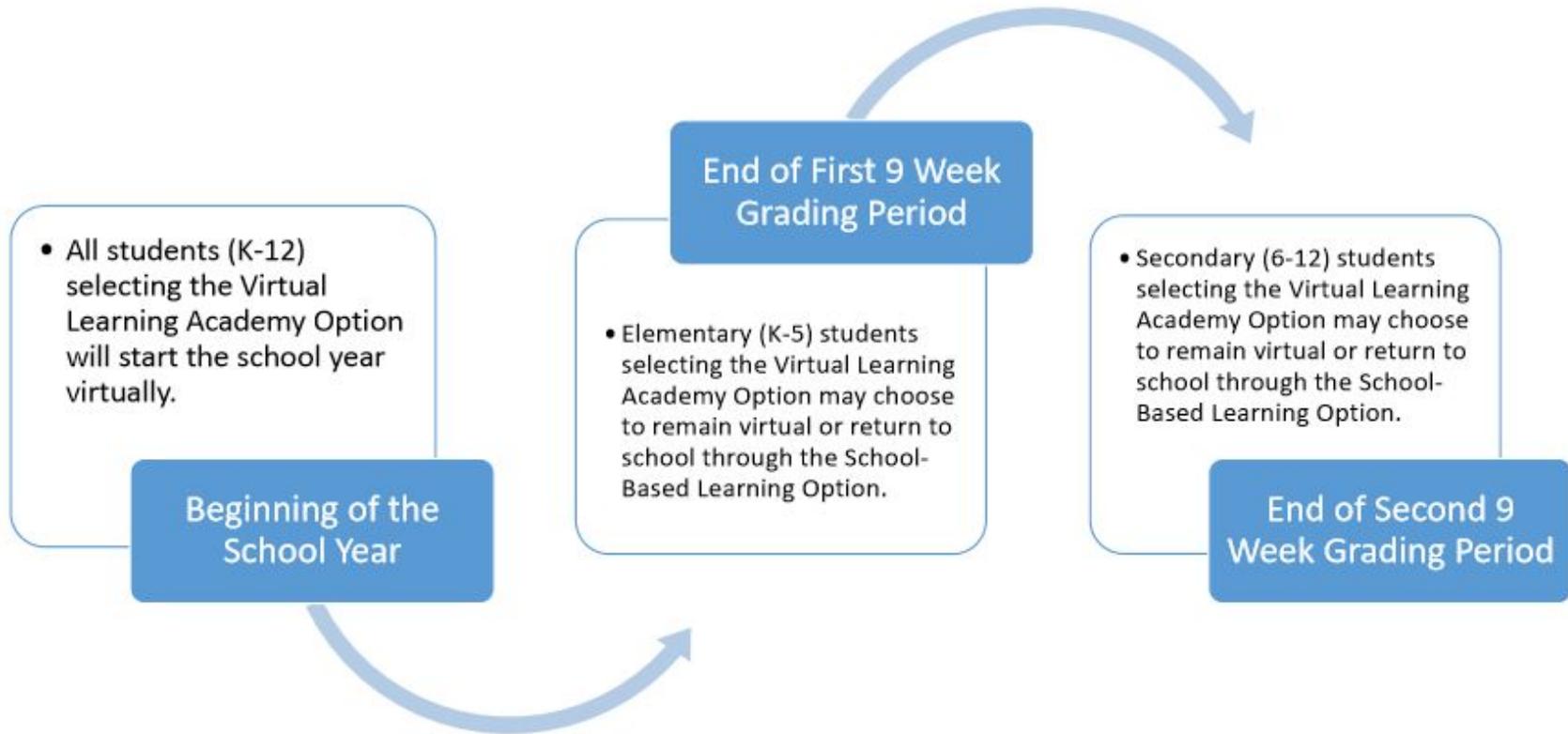
LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY GUIDELINES (continued)

- Masks should be worn while indoors. The only exception is that while players are actively moving and/or participating in the competition, they are not required to wear a mask. Once the player is no longer participating in the competition (i.e. on the sidelines), the player must resume wearing a mask.
- Students participating in band are not allowed to practice indoors. All band practices must take place outdoors where students can be socially distanced.
- Students must be screened prior to participation. Screening should be done by a teacher, coach, or other designated employee.
- K-12 Extracurricular Activities
 - K-12 extracurricular activities that normally meet after school will be allowed to meet after school during the time of virtual learning for all students.
 - Extracurricular activities should try to meet virtually when possible.
 - Practices/meetings can only be held after school (not during the school day).
 - Students can and should remain socially distanced during this time.
 - Masks should be worn while indoors.
 - Students must be screened prior to participation. Screening should be done by a teacher, sponsor, coach, or other designated employee.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

- Transportation services will not be provided for students coming to the school building for extracurricular activities.

MCS Phased Reopening: Virtual Learning Academy Option



MCS Phased Reopening: School-Based Learning Option

