



Mark Twain School District

Back To School Plan

Mark Twain School District's number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. The district also understands the importance of providing seated instruction so our students can learn and socialize with their peers and teachers. Should the need arise for students to learn at home, student devices and online learning opportunities will be made available to ensure continued education. Other arrangements will be made for those without internet services.

The following is an overview of safety measures and procedures the Mark Twain School District is implementing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Guidance from the Taney County Health Department, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) was considered throughout the planning process.

Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

- Parents should screen children daily for symptoms using CDC guidelines before sending to school
- Students will have their temperature taken upon arriving at school
- Staff will self-screen at home for symptoms and pass a temperature check upon arriving at school
- Staff and students will be monitored at school and will be sent home if symptoms develop
- Visitors will not be permitted into the building except for scheduled appointments during the school day
- In the event a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, the Taney County Health Department will be contacted and protocol will be followed

Social Distancing

- Students will have assigned seats in the classrooms
- Student desks and tables will face the same direction so students will not sit face-to-face
- Social distancing will be utilized throughout the school
- Students will remain with their classroom peers throughout the day
- Grades 5-8 will have recess together, grades 1-4 will have recess together and PK-K will have recess together if its outdoors. If indoor recess is required, each classroom will be separate.
- Teachers will moves classrooms in the JH rather than students moving classrooms.

Masking & Hygiene

- Student are encouraged to wear facial mask/coverings within the school, but are not required to at this time
- Teachers and staff will wear facial mask/covering when social distancing is not possible
- Additional time will be allotted to ensure proper hand washing
- Common surfaces such as doorknobs, water fountain stations, and bathrooms will be cleaned multiple times during the day
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom as well as several locations throughout the building
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to utilize bottle filling stations instead of water fountains
- The entire school will be disinfected at the end of each day

Breakfast & Lunch

- Grades 5-8 will eat breakfast at 7:15 and lunch at 11:40, grades PK-4 will eat breakfast at 7:40 and lunch at 11:00
- Social distancing will be utilized in the cafeteria

Transportation

- Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up their children to help reduce the number of students on school buses
- All students will have assigned seats on the bus and siblings will be asked to sit together
- Buses will be disinfected after each route
- Students will be required to wear masks/coverings on bus if social distancing is not possible
- There will be a zero tolerance policy for students who get out of their seats on the bus