

# Horace Mann Arts/Science Magnet Middle School

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How will my child receive their schedule?**

Student schedules can be accessed in TAC (e-school), and will be available beginning Sunday, August 23rd.
- 2. Will grades be calculated as they were in the Spring?**

LRSD will follow its normal grading policy found in the student handbook (<https://www.lrsd.org/cms/lib/AR02203631/Centricity/Domain/422/Student%20Handbook%20-2020-2021%20v1.pdf>.)  
Grades will be recorded in Schoology and TAC. Additionally, during the first days of school, teachers will provide each student/family with a syllabus that details specific classroom expectations.
- 3. Who is the PTSA President? How can I join PTSA?**

The PTSA president is Ms. Keena Williams. You can join PTSA by contacting Ms. Lisa Walker-Wheeler at 501-447-3176.
- 4. Can I switch my child from in-person to virtual? If so, what steps will I need to take?**

Students will be required to remain in their chosen learning environment until the end of the quarter. Requests may be made by completing the following form: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-mouBGewlcUNs0efjx7bmn2GQf3HDCqR/view?usp=sharing>
- 5. What time will the virtual learning school day begin?**

See page 21 of the LRSD Ready for Learning plan for detailed information regarding grading and attendance. <https://www.lrsd.org/cms/lib/AR02203631/Centricity/Domain/1418/LRSD%20Ready%20for%20Learning%20Plan%20Rev%208.10.2020.pdf>
- 6. If the Pandemic conditions improve, will the option for virtual learning be taken away?**

Yes. When the Pandemic conditions improve, all students will return to the traditional school setting with the guidance of ADH and ADE.
- 7. Where and when will the Grab-n-Go meals be available to virtual and in-person students?**

All students enrolled at Mann will have access to grab-n-go meals for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will be served in a socially distanced space designated in the cafeteria. Lunch counts will be taken each morning, and lunch will be delivered to 2nd period classrooms each day. Virtual students will pick up breakfast and lunch at designated locations. A schedule of times and locations will be provided by LRSD.
- 8. How will virtual students receive IEP services?**

See page 21 of the LRSD Ready for Learning plan for detailed information regarding special services. <https://www.lrsd.org/cms/lib/AR02203631/Centricity/Domain/1418/LRSD%20Ready%20for%20Learning%20Plan%20Rev%208.10.2020.pdf>
- 9. What assistance will be available to students and families experiencing technical issues related to virtual learning?**

Families may contact the school at 501-447-3100 for assistance with technical issues.
- 10. If parents want to use their own technology for virtual learning, what do they need to do to ensure it is compatible?**

All programs and platforms are internet based. Device compatibility should not be a problem.
- 11. What resources will be available this year to support a child's mental health?**

We have two school counselors: Mrs. Brooks-Jackson (students A-K) and Mr. Valovich (students L-Z). Additionally, mental health services are provided by Life Strategies Counseling, Inc. via our on-site therapist, Ms. Jerissa Chism.

**12. What is the plan for fall sports?**

Please visit <https://www.aractivities.org/covid19> for a **complete list** of directives and guidance regarding AAA sanctioned activities. For your convenience, direct links to football, volleyball, performing arts, and spirit groups have been listed below.

**Football:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aSUIHlyxBZ3MAXS2\\_u\\_LihmkazYMAWU4m\\_Csa3j2opPs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aSUIHlyxBZ3MAXS2_u_LihmkazYMAWU4m_Csa3j2opPs/edit?usp=sharing)

**Volleyball:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zj1HpStQLXkke-XAqpBesIMTz7DVQo-f9UNpQM0k9XI/edit?usp=sharing>

**Music:**

[https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/directive\\_Community\\_and\\_School\\_Sponsored\\_Music\\_Return\\_to\\_Play.pdf](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/directive_Community_and_School_Sponsored_Music_Return_to_Play.pdf)

**Music (game day):**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17h3eubCxBZxmHzd8vT7ywaOpQSSo8Xq2Cf6vk0KHGpw/edit>

**Spirit (Cheer/Dance):**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TeqZSOKy9punwPnY3gpT7d7B4rGahnU8mxJJlqEuCY/edit?usp=sharing>

**13. My child will be a 6th grader or brand new to Mann. Will I be allowed to walk him/her to class on the 1st day of school?**

Unfortunately, no. Only personnel and students receiving in-person instruction will be allowed on campus at this time.

**14. How will the school handle the in-person students who become ill during the day?**

Any student who reports or shows signs illness will be immediately directed to our school nurse. Please see the district flowchart: [School Administration – School Nurse \(two-way interaction\) Employee Student Call the School Hotline for COVID 1-833-504-0155 C](#)

**15. What if my child is exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19 within the school? What steps will be taken? How soon will I be notified?**

Please see the district flowchart [School Administration – School Nurse \(two-way interaction\) Employee Student Call the School Hotline for COVID 1-833-504-0155 C](#)

**16. What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?**

Any person tested for COVID-19 must remain in quarantine (complete isolation away from school) until the receipt of a negative test result. If there is a positive test result, the individual must remain in quarantine until cleared by a doctor. Please see the district flowchart [School Administration – School Nurse \(two-way interaction\) Employee Student Call the School Hotline for COVID 1-833-504-0155 C](#)

**17. Will my child need or be allowed to bring cleaning supplies or any Personal Protective Equipment?**

Students will be required to wear masks. Additionally, students will be allowed to bring sanitation items for personal use if they so desire. The following district protocols have been established for increased sanitation:

Workspaces	Classrooms, Offices	At the end of each use/daily
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General Used Objects	Door handles, light switches, sinks, water fountains, restrooms, stair handrails	At least 4 times a day and at the end of each day.
Buses Bus	Seats, handles/railing, belts, window controls	Twice a day
Common Areas	Cafeteria, Library, Conference rooms, Gyms, Common Areas	At the end of each use/daily; between groups
Electronic equipment	Classroom computers (desktops, Chromebooks, etc.)	At the end of each use/daily. (Students are encouraged to wipe their iPads daily. )

**18. Will the school nurse still be able to assist dispensing prescription medicine?**

Yes.

**19. Will I be allowed to come to the building and eat lunch with my child?**

Unfortunately, no. Lunches will be served in class based on social distancing protocol.

**20. Will the teachers provide a list of needed supplies for both virtual and in-person learning?**

Yes. This information will be provided during the first days of school.

**21. What happens if a student removes or refuses to wear a mask?**

Per district policy, every student receiving in-person instruction are required to wear a mask. The first offense of noncompliance will result in parental contact. On the second offense, the student will be moved to virtual learning, and will not be allowed to return to the school during the pandemic.

**22. Will in-person students be issued lockers?**

No. It is recommended that students only bring essential items that they can easily transport from class to class.

**23. If my student arrives late to school, am I required to walk in with my child to check into check in?**

No. Parents should:

1. Fill out the electronic check-in form located at the front door.
2. Use the intercom button to notify the front office that the student has arrived.
3. Wait for designated staff to verify the receipt of the check-in form

Once the student check-in has been verified, designated personnel will open the door for the student.