



# THE MAPLE BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

Adrian Public Schools...Showing Maple PRIDE before, during, and after school.

FALL 2020

August 11, 2020

Dear Parents:

COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on the operations of schools across the county and here in Adrian. This school year we will welcome students back to school in one of two formats, either for face-to-face instruction or virtual learning. Parents will have the choice of these two options based on what is best for their student and family. The Adrian Public Schools Board of Education approved the Return to School Roadmap on August 10, 2020 at their regularly scheduled meeting.

Our plan is in alignment with Governor Whitmer's [Return to School Roadmap](#) which sets the requirements and expectations for returning to school.

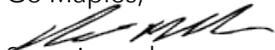
While the full approved document can be found at <https://www.adrianmaples.org/back-to-school/> the requirements of what is submitted to the state places a large emphasis on regulatory topics, but does not provide a meaningful way to share with parents what the school day will look like for their child. Therefore, we have created the following parent overview of the plan and have provided additional information that is not required in the plan, but is of the utmost importance of how school will look and what options are available for parents.

While the APS Board of Education has approved this plan as of August 10th, sadly, guidance and clarity on regulations, flexibility, and funding at the state level still has not been decided by Lansing. As this changes, parts of this plan will need to change. While this is frustrating for parents, teachers, and the district, we appreciate your flexibility and patience as we start the school year.

We are currently in Phase 4 for the re-opening plan and it is important to know that the school day will not look similar to any experience we have had here in Adrian Public Schools. We have made adjustments to provide increased safety standards and screening measures for our students and staff. We have reduced the school day so we can maximize instruction while also limiting the number of passing times taking place each day. To protect both students and staff, masks will be required for face-to-face instruction for all students that are medically able, Students and Staff will also have their temperature taken at the start of each school day. We are asking that parents partner with us to ensure a safe school community by following the Lenawee County Return to School [Student Screening Procedures](#).

This plan was developed with the understanding that social distancing, in addition to masks and good hygiene practices, are the best options for our students and staff. However, it is also built with the understanding that in order to achieve social distancing within our classrooms and schools we need about 800 to 1000 students to attend virtually and not face-to-face. You are being asked to make a choice between virtual or face-to-face instruction for your child. Please complete the following [online form](#) by August 13, 2020 at 3pm. To prepare for the start of the school year safely, the first day for students will be September 8, 2020.

Go Maples,



Superintendent

# APS Instructional Delivery Models: Phase 4 and 5

This document provides parents with an overview of each of the two options they may choose for their child. Each of the two options provided is subject to adjustments pending student enrollment and possible changes to local and state requirements.

## Elementary Option A: Face-to-Face

The Face to Face Option is designed for parents and students that are comfortable with returning to school in the traditional learning environment with safety protocols put in place. This option provides students with the most similar experience to prior learning experiences with adjustments and modifications. Adjustments and modifications include a shortened school day, a reduced schedule, and many safety protocols that have been implemented across all elementary schools.

### Face-to-Face Key Aspect:

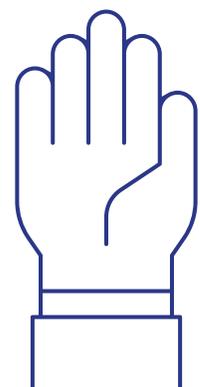
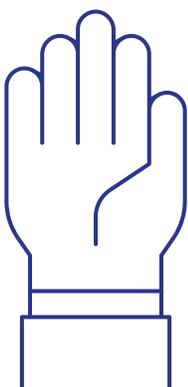
- Students will attend 5 days a week with a shortened day schedule.
- The school day will start at 8:35 A.M. and will conclude at 2:00 P.M.
- Pathways and YMCA programs will be available at selected schools.
- Students must be willing to follow all safety protocols including social distancing, temperature screening, and facial covering expectations. Students will be provided facial covering breaks throughout the day.
- Teachers will provide direct instruction and learning experiences while maintaining social distancing.
- Every attempt will be made to provide Art, Music, and Physical Education to students on a regular basis.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and take place in the classroom.

### What does the Classroom look like?

- Class sizes will be reduced to maintain social distancing. Class sizes will vary to accommodate up to 20 students. This can vary some based on room size.
- Classrooms will be set up to provide the maximum amount of space feasible between desks and tables.
- Direct instruction will take place with an emphasis on more whole group instruction rather than small group instruction.

### Additional Supports

- Interventions
- ESL Programming
- Special Education
- ThinkStretch and Summer Bridge activity books
- MobyMax Software will provide Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies intervention and enrichment at the student's level.



## **Elementary Option B: Virtual Academy**

The Virtual Academy is designed for parents and students that are not yet comfortable with returning to school in the traditional learning environment. This option would provide students an opportunity to learn from home on a flexible schedule with parent/guardian support. All courses will be facilitated by an Adrian Public School Teacher to provide mentorship and additional instructional support.

### **Virtual Academy Key Features:**

- Curriculum aligned to state standards
- Required regular mentor meetings with APS Teachers
- Lessons are available online
- Time and place are flexible
- Zoom Tutoring Options with APS Teachers
- Peer Virtual Meetings
- Access to Parkside Family Counselors

### **What to Expect**

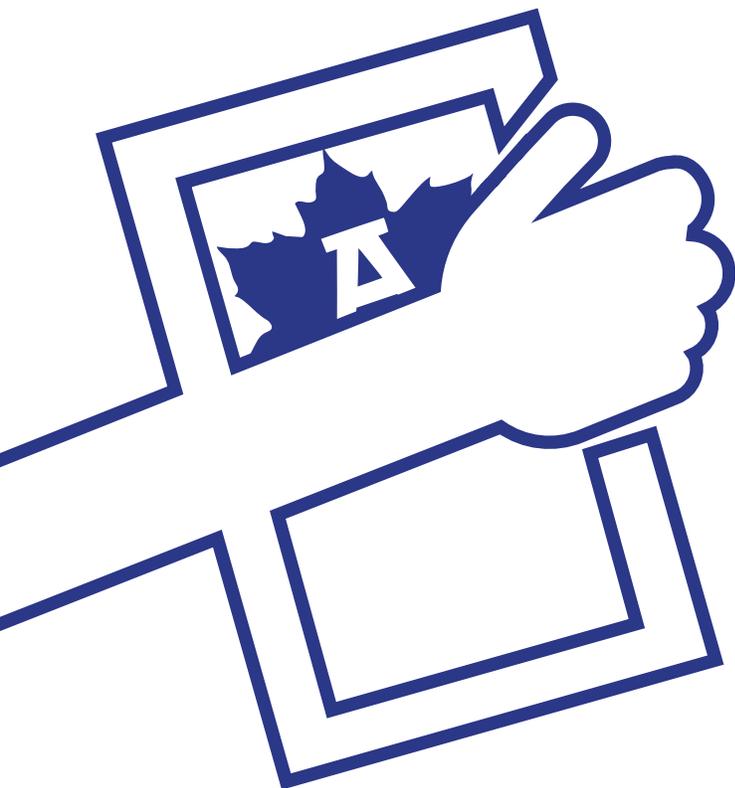
Students will be provided with an Adrian Public Schools Teacher that will facilitate online learning and conduct regularly scheduled mentor meetings. Lincoln Learning will provide the online curriculum that is supported by Adrian Public Schools Teachers. For more information on Lincoln Learning please [click here](#). It is important to note that Lincoln Learning courses are aligned to state standards.

### **Parental Support Requirements**

Students enrolled in virtual academy programs will require additional support to help ensure students are successful in a virtual learning experience. This includes partnering with the virtual teacher to ensure scheduled communication meetings occur as well as ensuring their child is staying on pace in their courses. Depending on the age of the student and the level of independence, parents may need to partner in facilitating the learning process. Time requirements may range from 2 to 5 hours per day of parent facilitation.

### **Additional Supports**

- Interventions
- ESL Programming
- Special Education
- ThinkStretch and Summer Bridge
- Moby Max Software will provide Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies intervention and enrichment at the student's level.



## **Secondary Option A: Face-to-Face**

The Face to Face Option is designed for parents and students that are comfortable with returning to school in the traditional learning environment with safety protocols put in place. This option provides students with similar learning experiences to a traditional setting with adjustments and modifications. Adjustments and modifications include a shortened school day, a reduced course schedule, and many safety protocols.

### **Face-to-Face Key Aspect**

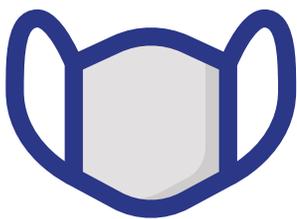
- Students will attend 5 days a week with a shortened day schedule.
- The start times will be:
  - Middle School: 7:35 A.M. to 12:44 P.M.
  - High School: 7:45 A.M. to 12:56 P.M.
- Teachers will provide direct instruction and learning experiences while keeping six feet social distancing as feasible.
- Students will be enrolled in five courses per trimester.
- Course offerings will be reduced with a focus on English, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics. Elective courses will be available as well.
- Students must be willing to follow all safety protocols including social distancing, temperature screening, and facial covering expectations. Students will be provided facial covering breaks throughout the day.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and take place in the classroom.

### **What does a Classroom look like?**

- Class sizes will be reduced to provide social distancing as feasible. Class sizes will vary to accommodate up to 20 students. Classes could be larger in cases where larger rooms/spaces are available and social distancing is possible (an example would be using the gym for band class).
- Classrooms will be set up to provide the maximum amount of space feasible between desks and tables.
- Staff and Students will be required to wear facial coverings.
- Direct instruction will take place with an emphasis on more whole group instruction rather than small group instruction.

### **Additional Supports**

- Interventions
- After-School Tutoring
- Special Education Supports
- ESL Supports



## **Secondary Option B: Virtual Academy**

The Virtual Academy is designed for parents and students that are not yet comfortable with returning to school in the traditional learning environment. This option would provide students an opportunity to learn from home on a flexible schedule with parent/guardian support. All courses are facilitated by an Adrian Public School Teacher to provide mentorship and instructional support.



### **Virtual Academy Key Features:**

- Curriculum aligned to state standards
- Regularly scheduled mentor meetings with APS Teachers
- Lessons are available online
- Time and place are flexible
- Content is software-based with teacher support
- Access to Parkside Family Counselors for Springbrook Middle School students
- Access to High School Counselors for Adrian High School students
- Peer Zoom Meetings
- Tutoring opportunities provided by APS Teachers.

### **What to Expect**

Students will be provided with an Adrian Public Schools Teacher that will facilitate online learning and provide instructional assistance. Students will also have regularly scheduled mentor meetings to discuss academic progress and to provide support. Students will complete lessons using Odysseyware which is an online curriculum provider. For more information on Odysseyware [click here](#).

### **Course Options for Middle School Students**

- English
- Science
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Health
- Career Exploration
- Keyboarding and Applications

### **Course Options for High School Students**

- English
- Science
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Physical Education/Health
- Numerous additional elective courses - See the link above for more.

### **Parental Support Requirements**

Students enrolled in virtual academy programs will require additional support to help ensure students are successful in a virtual learning experience. This includes parents partnering with the virtual teacher to ensure scheduled communication meetings occur as well as ensuring their child is staying on pace in their courses.

### **Additional Supports**

- Interventions
- After-School Tutoring
- Special Education Supports
- ESL Supports

## **Screening and Safety Measures for our APS Community**

Medically able students in grades Y5-12 will be required to wear masks on school buses, in hallways, classrooms, and other areas within the building. Students will not be required to wear a mask when eating. Students are expected to provide their own mask. If their mask becomes lost or unusable during the school day, APS will provide a disposable mask to the student.

Students attending in-person must agree to use the [Lenawee County Health Department Student Screening Protocols](#) each day.

Students will have their temperature at the start of school each day or at the main office if they arrive late to school.

Students will be in smaller class sizes to promote social distancing

Students will be placed in cohort groups, when possible, to limit the risk of exposure to larger numbers of individuals

Students will be taught health hygiene expectations and provided with opportunities to sanitize and wash their hands throughout the day.

Classrooms and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

Drinking fountains will be disabled, but water bottle filling stations will be available.

Each building will communicate drop-off and pick-up procedures for students and parents.



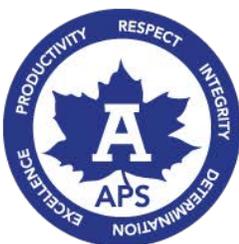
### **Athletics**

Athletics will take place according the [Michigan High School Athletic Association](#) Guidelines



### **Frequently Asked Questions for Parents:**

<https://www.adrianmaples.org/back-to-school/>



**First Day of School September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**This will be a full day**