

Plans for junior high and high school 2020-2021 school opening

While we know that there will be some risk that cannot be avoided as we look at starting the 2020-2021 school year, we are going to do everything we can to keep students and staff safe. Safety precautions include:

- Hand Sanitizer stations outside classroom doors
- Thorough sanitizing of rooms each day
- Plexiglas dividers for tables in classrooms
- Limited hallway passing
- Sanitizing materials available in classrooms

We are going to try to have all students in the building. The schedule will be modified to incorporate a modified block schedule. This will mean that students will only be changing classrooms 3 times per day, in addition to before school and after school. The lunch times for junior high and high school will remain the same. Junior high will go to a class, then go to lunch, and then return to the same class. The schedule I am suggesting is below:

- Period 1 and 2--8:00 - 9:31
- Period 3 and 4--9:34 - 11:07
- Period 5 and 6--11:10 - 1:12
 - 7th and 8th grade lunch--11:57 - 12:27
 - 9th through 12th grade lunch--12:42 - 1:12
- Period 7 and 8--1:15 - 2:30

Mondays--Students will go to all classes' periods 1-8. This will give teachers a chance to set up the agenda for the week. I am planning Mondays for this 1-8 class periods because we often miss Monday through PD or whatever. Students would only be missing 1 class period for that teacher.

Tuesday and Thursdays--Students will go to their periods 1, 3, 5, 7 classes--each for 2 periods.

Wednesdays and Fridays--Students will go to their periods 2, 4, 6, 8 classes--each for 2 periods.

Having odd numbered periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays and even numbered classes on Wednesdays and Fridays will accommodate our work release students.

Another change involves book bags. Students will be encouraged to have book bags and carry them to each class. That should lessen the need for students to go to lockers, which will eliminate some of the times that students congregate in the halls.

Teachers will be asked to wipe down tables/desks when students leave their classrooms.

We are going to start the year with in person learning, but remote learning also. This will be a way to prepare students in case we need to close down again. The idea is to try to have everything in Google Classroom from the very beginning of the year so that students are used to the process of remote learning.

We are planning a day in September to practice remote learning. Students will not be in the school building, but will be obtaining lessons online. This will help us determine which students are able or not able to access remote learning. It will be like a regular day of school with assignments due as if the students were in the building.

Students will not be able to congregate in the cafeteria before school. Doors will open at 7:45 and students will go to their lockers and then to their first period class immediately. Breakfast will still be available.

Parents who do not feel comfortable sending their child/ren to the school building will have the opportunity of enrolling their student in NOVA, an online platform. NOVA offers the benefits of online schooling and flexibility with the benefits of public school. Students enrolled in NOVA are eligible for middle and high school activities including sports, band, chorus, and other extracurricular activities. In addition NOVA offers NCAA sanctioned courses, AP courses, and dual enrollment courses allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students completing the required coursework will graduate from their local school with a high school diploma. Students will be required to enroll for at least 1 semester if that option is chosen. A meeting with our on-site NOVA administrator will be required for all students who choose this path. Students must possess computer skills and a great deal of self motivation and discipline to be successful with NOVA.