

# Preparing for students to come back to school

Mankato Area Public Schools Back to School Plan outlines three learning options that will be used: in-person, hybrid and distance learning. It's expected that all three scenarios will be used as they may change based on local county data about COVID-19 throughout the school year. Families may opt to have their students fully participate in distance learning.

Helpful information specific to MAPS hybrid learning:

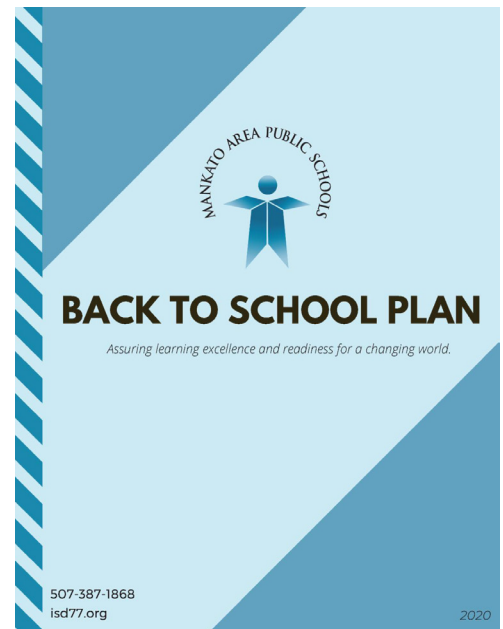
Students in grades PreK-5 will attend school daily with strict social distancing and capacity guidelines in place.

Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 will follow a school schedule that rotates between in person and distance learning. Middle and high school schedules identifying individual student days on-campus will be shared by schools.

Other information within the plan includes daily health screenings, symptoms to look for, face coverings/masks, cleaning/sanitation protocols, transportation on school buses, safe food services, child care and other helpful resources.

Updated information will be posted on the school district's COVID-19 web page, which also includes district support links such as family resources, archived communications from the school district and resources from the Minnesota Department of Health. Specific details will also be shared by individual school principals.

For more information contact staff at 507-387-1868.



## Bus rules put safety first

Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) provides transportation services for public and non-public students in the district. To be eligible for transportation, elementary students (grades K-5) must reside one mile or more from the school they attend, and middle and high school students (grades 6-12) must reside two or more miles from the school they attend.

Eligible riders will need to complete an annual transportation registration form, available by contacting Central Registration, 507-387-1868, or in the office of each school building. Requests for transportation to/from child care for grades K-5 can also be made by completing a MAPS daycare transportation form. This form is also available for pickup at all MAPS elementary schools.

Abiding by school district rules and policies while students are riding the bus is an important part of maintaining a safe and positive riding environment. View bus safety guidelines online.

For more information contact:

- MAPS Transportation Office: 507-387-5949 or 507-387-3224
- Palmer Bus Services: 507-386-0210. View service areas and schools online.
- Yaeger Bus Services: 507-345-5470. View service areas and schools online.
- MAPS inclement weather updates: 507-386-4777

