



Maize South Intermediate School

Facts & Updates



As Maize USD 266 prepares to open its new intermediate schools for the 2021-22 school year, here is some helpful information for students and their families.

Class Rotations

Each day, students will attend blocks of three core classes: English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, or Social Studies. Science and Social Studies will switch at semester for 5th and 6th grade. Fifth grade will start with Social Studies first semester and then switch to Science second semester. Sixth grade will start with Science first semester and switch to Social Studies second semester. Students will travel as a cohort with their homeroom class.

Homeroom classes will start each day with a soft start, MavUp, focusing on teambuilding and social-emotional lessons to get their day off to a great start. Homeroom classes also will be participating in a research-based social-emotional curriculum, Second Step, and leadership development throughout their exploratory blocks each week.

PE/Music

Students will rotate daily between attending PE and Music classes. Students should change shoes for PE. Their shoes will be stored in the gyms by their homeroom classroom.

Media Center

Students will have an opportunity for library book checkout and lessons from Media Center Specialist Mrs. Rodell weekly.

Maverick Time

During the first nine weeks, students will be introduced to organizational strategies to help them become a successful student.

Starting in the second nine weeks, the school will implement elective time for students. This will take place on Wednesdays the first hour of the day. All students will be given the opportunity to sign up for areas that they are passionate about, such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), science, cooking, art, drama, music, math clubs, book clubs, intramural sports, yoga, broadcasting, STUCO, Kindness Club, and much more. They will get to sign up for several sessions throughout the year if desired.

BOB Time - Band, Orchestra, Books Time

School leaders are excited to offer both Band and Orchestra throughout the day. Students who choose to not participate in either Band or Orchestra will have an opportunity to receive additional guidance and instruction within their teams. School leaders will work to plan additional activities for students who choose not to participate in Band and Orchestra. Those in Band and

Orchestra should plan to attend these classes each day unless there are special circumstances communicated by the teacher. Please stay tuned for more information about joining band and orchestra.

Open-Faced Lockers

Students will be allowed to carry backpacks from class to class. We want to be cautious with how heavy these bags become. There will be open-faced lockers in each classroom that will store supplies that should remain in the classroom. Students can carry with them items need frequently throughout the day.

School Supplies

Bring all school supplies to their homeroom classroom. Teachers will help determine what can be stored for general use and what the student should keep.

Pickup/Drop-Off

Families should use the back driveway for pickup and drop-off. There should be a single row of cars coming in from the Maize Early Childhood Center drive on 37th Street and exiting on the west side of MSIS on 37th Street. Students can exit vehicles at any point in the driveway and should use the sidewalk to enter into the main school doors in the middle of drive. When dismissed, students will be allowed to wait outside during nice weather days and will wait in the lunchroom until they see their ride on inclement weather days.

Buses

Buses will pick up and drop off in the front driveway. Buses also will enter on 37th Street and exit on 37th Street. Drivers should please refrain from using the front driveway to allow school buses to load and unload student passengers safely. Students who typically ride the bus will be expected to ride the bus unless there is a note from a parent or guardian giving them permission for alternate transportation.

Transportation Change

Parents should please notify the school's front office by 1:00 if there is a change in a child's transportation.

Rec Time

Students will have an opportunity for free play before or after lunch period. There will be a variety of activities for them to interact with other students in their grade levels.

Lunch

Students will have a grade-level lunch break in the middle of the day. In addition to lunch, the school will have an [A La Carte Menu](#) that will be cash only.

Counselors

Mrs. Caitlin Hamilton will serve 5th-grade students.

Mr. Tyler Slattery will serve 6th-grade students.

Our goal is for them to loop with their students from 5th to 6th grade. Both counselors will be available for any student as needed. Counselors will meet with classes once monthly for character education lessons. Counselors will also implement small groups throughout the year.

Office Staff Members

Mrs. Plume will serve as finance secretary. Mrs. Clanton will serve as communications secretary.

School Day

- **Arrival:** Doors open at 7:10 a.m. Classes begin at 7:25 a.m. Students should make their way to the lunchroom if arriving prior to 7:15 a.m. At 7:15 a.m., students are released to their family hallways. Breakfast will be served, and students may take their breakfast to eat in their family hallway or homeroom classroom.
- **Dismissal:** On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays, classes end at 2:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, there will be early release, and school will end at 1:55 p.m. Students should be picked up no later than 2:45 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and no later than 2:10 p.m. on Wednesdays. If your child is not picked up by those times, they will be in the school's front office waiting for a parent or guardian to sign them out.

Building-Wide Positive Relationships and Behavior Focus

Maize South Intermediate School will build on a structure that supports the development of positive relationships as well as a focus on the development of positive behavior strategies.

Maize South Intermediate School Core Values:

Mavs keep it **FRESH!**

- **F**amily
- **R**esponsibility
- **E**mpathy
- **S**elf-control
- **H**onesty

Chromebooks

Students will have 1:1 Chromebooks and will be allowed to take a device home each evening. Parents will be asked to please be sure to have their child(ren) charge the Chromebook overnight to be ready for school the next day. The school will have very few extra Chromebooks to loan, so it will be important for students to take responsibility to bring their charged Chromebook to school each day. Students will be responsible for lost or damaged Chromebooks.

Principal's Meeting

Once monthly, students will have an opportunity to meet with one or both the principal and assistant principal for a Principal's Meeting. During this time, school leaders will hear directly from students their hopes, dreams, and wishes to help Maize South Intermediate School meet their needs. School leaders also will use this opportunity to support students' leadership skills.

Project Lead the Way

Maize South Intermediate School science teachers were recipients of a grant toward Project Lead the Way, a program that emphasizes science and engineering, problem-solving, technical skills, and more. The school will be able to utilize this as curriculum during science classes and begin work on project-based learning opportunities for students.

Maize South Intermediate School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The new PTO needs help from the OneMa1ze community! The organization has a need for committee members to create an active and vibrant organization in support of the new school. Interested in supporting the PTO, which in turn supports Maize South Intermediate School and its teachers? Please reach out to maizesouthispto@gmail.com.