

Memorial Tier 2 Synchronous Learning FAQs

We are working hard to prepare for school to reopen on Monday, October 26th. The procedures we have put in place are designed to ensure safety for everyone and may change based on the updated guidance we receive.

A number of families have asked similar questions as we prepare to reopen. This document is designed to answer many of them but is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Please note, we are following what is outlined in the [Re-entry Plan](#) that the Sanborn School Board approved at the October 7, 2020 meeting. If you have additional questions, please call the school at 382-5251 or email Principal [Ryan McCluskey](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

What time does the school day begin and end?

- Sanborn Regional High School - 7:20AM - 2:20PM (Early Release at 12:00PM)
- Sanborn Regional Middle School - 7:20AM - 2:20PM (Early Release at 12:00PM)
- **Memorial School - 8:15AM - 2:55PM (Early Release at 12:55PM)**
- D.J. Bakie School - 8:35AM - 3:15PM (Early Release at 1:15PM)

Which Wednesdays will be early release when we reopen?

- Each school will have an early release each Wednesday until January 13, 2021.

What should my child bring to school each day?

- Students should bring a backpack that includes any folders or notebooks provided by the teacher, a full and refillable water bottle, adequate clothing for recess, and an acceptable mask.
- An additional note on clothing: We will, whenever possible, go outside for mask breaks, lunch, recess, as well as for certain classes as appropriate. It is very important that students dress appropriately, especially as the weather continues to cool this fall.
- **For students that have borrowed a district chromebook and charger, please bring this back with you on Monday, October 26th.**

Will the YMCA be offering a before/after school care program this year?

- The YMCA will be running before/after school care starting Monday, October 26th. Details and registration information can be found [here](#). All questions should be directed to SACCinfo@sdymca.org.

How will bus transportation work?

- Please see the transportation email sent on Wednesday 10/21/2020. It can be found [HERE](#) as well.

Will there be after school clubs and activities when students return to school?

- There will not be any after school clubs and activities, including intramural sports, upon our initial return to school. We will reevaluate our ability to offer these valuable experiences and work to provide them as soon as it makes sense in our current climate.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

What kind of distancing can staff and students maintain throughout the day?

- We can ensure that students will be 3 to 6 feet during instructional times and a full 6 feet apart when eating.

What types of facemasks are acceptable and how often will they be worn?

- We are following this [guidance for facemasks](#). Staff and students will be wearing masks throughout the day, including recess and P.E. classes when 6 feet of distancing is not possible. Staff may schedule mask breaks throughout the day when students can maintain a full 6 feet of distance. The school has purchased mask lanyards for student use throughout the day. Students will keep them at school and attach to their masks when they arrive each day.

Will temperatures be taken?

- Staff and students will have temperatures taken each morning. Anyone with a reading of 100.0°F or higher must go home and will not be able to return until the fever subsides without the use of suppressants like Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Anyone with unexplained COVID-19 like symptoms, including a fever, will be sent home and required to have a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.

When will students be asked to wash their hands?

- Students will sanitize their hands at every transition time in or out of the classroom, after restroom use, and prior to and after eating. There will be other times during the day when they will be asked to sanitize hands (i.e. before selecting books from the classroom library).

How will recess work?

- Each grade level will have a 20-minute mid-day recess typically around lunchtime. Students will have recess with their team, not the entire grade level. Students will be expected to keep masks on during recess if they are engaged in an activity where distancing cannot be maintained. If students are able to be socially distanced, masks breaks are permitted during this time. A common set of playground equipment has been designated for each team to use when playing outside and will be sanitized each day. Playground equipment may also be used during recess.

STUDENT BELONGINGS & SUPPLIES

Where will students store their belongings?

- Students will store their belongings in classroom cubbies and inside individual student desks. Whenever possible, materials will not be shared. Anything that is shared will be sanitized.

Is there a school supply list?

- Classroom teachers may be sending home a wish list of items that could be purchased for use in the classroom. Purchasing any supplies is optional.

NUTRITION & HYDRATION

Where will students eat breakfast and/or lunch?

- Grab and Go breakfast bags will be available to all students when they arrive each morning. **Breakfast will be eaten inside the classroom. Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria or outside.**
- Breakfast and lunch will be free to all students until December 31, 2020 as part of the federal relief provided to schools.

Will students be able to purchase breakfast and lunch?

- Students will have the option to purchase a “grab and go” breakfast upon arrival each morning. Classroom teachers will provide a list of students wishing to purchase school lunch to the cafeteria staff each morning. Individually packaged meals will be provided to students in the cafeteria or outside (weather permitting). Families are encouraged to add money to student accounts at the [My School Bucks website](#). Breakfast costs: \$1.50 (full price)/\$0.30 (reduced). Lunch costs: \$2.50 (full price)/\$0.40 (reduced). **Please note that meals will continue to be free for students until December 31, 2020.** You can access the breakfast menu [here](#) and the lunch menu [here](#). Students can always bring lunch from home.

Will students have access to water bubblers?

- All water bubblers have been turned off at Memorial School. **At this time, we encourage all students to bring a full water bottle to school each day.** The school will provide one-time use water bottles for students as needed.

INSTRUCTION

Which specials will students have and how will they be scheduled?

- Students will have one of the following specials each week: Art, Music, P.E./Health, Library, S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics). P.E. classes will be taught outside whenever possible. All other specials teachers will travel to homerooms to offer instruction. To minimize the total number of classes each specialist will see each week, each homeroom will have the same special for one full week. We are working to follow CDC and

DHHS guidance for music instruction, which limits the playing of instruments and choral singing.

Are there any plans for teaching or classes outdoors?

- Staff members may use outdoor space as appropriate to provide instruction.

Will students have homework?

- Students will have minimal homework upon our initial return to school. We will expect that students independently read every afternoon and those specific expectations will be shared by their teacher(s).