



River Valley School District

River Valley Middle High School

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Dear Middle High School Families,

Today, our Superintendent, Scott Bojanich, released our Return to School Plan for River Valley Schools, which can be found on our website www.rivervalleyschools.org. The purpose of this letter is to give a little more detail for what learning will look like this Fall at our Middle High School. The scenario I will be focusing these details on will be Phase 4 learning. This is the scenario where in-person learning will take place as well as an optional virtual streaming option. Please review all of the information below before making your decision on whether you elect to have your student(s) participate in our virtual option or attend school in-person.

Phase-in Approach - School begins on August 31st for all students Pre-K thru 12th Grade.

- The elementary schools will fully open on the first day of school (in-person and virtual learning).
- The MHS begin the school year **virtually for the first week only**. Beginning Tuesday, September 8th (The first day after Labor Day) the MHS will open fully for in-person learning and continue virtual learning for those students that have elected the semester-long virtual learning option.
 - This phase-in approach will give the district the ability to practice our logistics with new safety protocols on a smaller scale in the elementary buildings prior to implementing them at full capacity district wide in Week Two.
 - We will also be able to make sure our live streaming service works in our classrooms for the virtual option in the first week and work out any technological issues prior to students being in the classrooms.

Virtual Learning

- The MHS Virtual Learning Option will include a live stream from the classroom where the in-person teaching is taking place.
- Each classroom will have a fixed camera in place to display the teaching area in the front of the classroom.
- Students at home will be required to log in to their classes during the scheduled class time and attend the class virtually via the live stream.
- The virtual platform will be interactive for students to participate remotely with class discussions and activities and engage with the teacher.
- Digital materials will be placed on Schoology for students to remotely access.
- Students will be required to attend a minimum of three "live sessions" for each class on their schedule per week. Recorded class sessions will be available for any class sessions they are not able to attend.
- Students learning remotely will be required to complete all assigned work and grades will be tracked in the same way as if they were in-person.
- All students participating in River Valley's virtual option will still be eligible to participate in athletics.

- Families will be required to make their **declaration for the virtual learning option by Wednesday, August 19th at 5:00 pm.**
 - [Click here for the Declaration Form](#)
 - The form will be located on our website www.rivervalleyschools.org as well.

Virtual Schedule Week 1 (and Phase 3)

- For the first week of school (Week of Aug 31st) all learning will be done virtually at the MHS. We have created a “virtual daily schedule” for scenarios when all students are learning remotely. This will occur during week 1 and/or if the state pushes us back to Phase 3 which mandates all students must learn remotely. Please see the schedule below:

Start	End	Class
9:00a	9:30a	1st Hour
9:45a	10:15a	2nd Hour
10:30a	11:00a	3rd Hour
11:15a	11:45a	4th Hour
11:45a	12:15p	Lunch
12:15p	12:45p	5th Hour
1:00p	1:30p	6th Hour

Technology

- All students will be issued a Chromebook by the district.
 - Each student, regardless of which option for learning is selected, will be given a school-owned Chromebook to be taken home each day and brought to school if they attend for in-person learning.
 - No personal laptops will be allowed on our network for in-person learning.
 - Devices will be issued prior to the first day of school. All students will need a device for the first week of school since grades 6-12 will be virtually learning the week of August 31st.
 - **Chromebook distribution will begin on ‘Back to School Night’ at the MHS on August 25th from 4-7 pm for all fully registered students. You must be registered prior to coming to pick up a device.** Registration links are on the district website.
 - If you cannot pick up your device at Back to School night on the 25th, you can pick up your device after that night during the week in the MHS office between 8am and 3 pm Mon-Fri.

In-person Learning

- Safety Protocols
 - Students attending school in-person will be **required to wear masks at all times** in the building with the exception of when students are eating breakfast and lunch.
 - The district will provide masks daily for students in need.
 - We will work in mask breaks by going outside and socially distancing when the weather permits. This can be done during PRIDE Family time so it doesn’t interpret with the live stream.
 - Masks must also be worn on the bus.

- Parents conduct a daily student wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school. Students with a temperature over 100°F should stay home and absences should be reported to the MHS office.
- Signage will be placed throughout the building to instruct students on where to walk, stand, and practice social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer pumps will be located throughout the building and hallways to allow for frequent sanitation.
- No visitors will be allowed in the building past the office.
 - All necessary meetings will be done virtually, if possible, or by phone call.
 - If a child needs to be picked up, you may call the office when you arrive and we can send the student out to your car.
 - Only enter the building if absolutely necessary and a mask must be worn.
- Staff and students will be out of the academic areas of the building by 4:00 pm daily to allow for thorough cleaning each night.
- An in-depth plan is available for review for all phases of learning (Phase 3, 4, and 5) by clicking the following link:
 - [River Valley MHS Return To Learning Plan](#) - Pages 10-20 (Phase 4 in-person)

I deeply appreciate everyone's patience through this difficult planning process. We are extremely excited for everyone to return to learning in some way, shape, or form. Our staff is excited to re-engage with your students to get back to what makes our school community great - investing in Mustang youth to prepare them to lead us in the future! We are confident in our plan and how flexible it is no matter which phase we find ourselves in at any given point this coming school year. If you have any questions, please email me at pbreen@rivervalleyschools.org.

#WeAreRV

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