

Reopening Plan

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

I didn't receive an election email. When should I expect to receive it?

McKeel programmers are addressing this issue currently and a solution will be made available tomorrow.

How often can I make my election choice? Can I change between traditional and virtual learning?

Election choice is by semester. The first semester is August-December. Families will be given both options again for the second semester (January-May) if we are authorized by the Florida Department of Education.

If a student who is enrolled in the *traditional option* should contract COVID-19, TSMA will work with families to develop, as recommended by the FDOE, a Comprehensive Care Plan (CCP) for returning to school. We recognize that each family may require specific needs. TSMA will coordinate with the Polk County Health Department to implement a flexible CCP customized to the individual needs for any McKeel student who may contract COVID-19.

I forgot or selected the wrong election choice. Can I make a change?

You can click back on the link and make your selection again. A message should appear thanking you for making your selection. You have until July 10th to make your final selection. The selection option will lock after this date.

What if a student tests positive for Covid-19?

TSMA will work with families whose student may contract COVID-19 and will develop a comprehensive care plan for returning to school. TSMA will cooperate with the health department and follow their guidance as it relates to next steps and notifying individuals who have been in contact with the person infected. Due to FERPA regulations TSMA does not have authorization to disclose names of infected individuals.

What if a staff member tests positive for Covid-19?

TSMA will cooperate with the health department and follow their guidance as it relates to next steps and notifying individuals who have been in contact with the person infected.

What type of face covering is acceptable? Are masks mandated?

All face coverings are acceptable. Although not mandated, TSMA *highly recommends* the wearing of face coverings for all students and TSMA employees.

Will Cat Care be available?

TSMA will offer Cat Care; enrollment may be limited. Registration for Cat Care will be made available through McKeel Online Office (MOO) once back to school registration begins later this month. Due to limited availability, parents may wish to explore additional child care services.

What will learning virtually look like for my child?

It depends. The purpose of having McKeel families make an election of traditional or virtual is necessary so that we might properly staff our schools.

Based on the responses your child may have a dedicated virtual teacher assigned to them and you would see a combination of real-time instruction as well as self-paced learning. Similar to how we educated students in the last quarter of last year.

However, if we are unable to staff a dedicated virtual teacher for your child then virtual education would be a combination of instructional videos provided by your child's teacher and self-paced lessons and practice.

Students selecting the virtual option will be required to meet all assignment deadlines as per teacher instructions.

Will virtual students be able to participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics and club meetings?

Yes, all students enrolled in TSMA, either virtual or traditional, will be able to participate in any and all extracurricular activities.

Sports- TSMA will seek guidance from the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), the CDC and local health department as it relates to sports activities.

Meetings- Meetings and gatherings shall be conducted electronically whenever possible.

Student Functions- Student functions shall follow CDC and health department guidance. No school functions shall be scheduled or held without approval of the Director of Schools in conjunction with the regulatory agencies.

When will orientation take place?

Orientation will only be held for our PreK students, Kindergarten students and for any new student to a McKeel campus. Individual campuses will share dates and times.

How will I know teacher placement and/or my students schedule?

Individual campuses will announce teacher placement and student schedules the week of August 3rd.

How will my child receive his/her iPad?

New TSMA students will be assigned a personal iPad. Details surrounding our distribution plan and iPad orientation to follow.

Can McKeel Virtual students enroll in dual enrollment classes?

Students enrolled in a dual enrollment course will follow the guidelines set forth by the college. Polk State College has announced most classes will be held online for the Fall Semester 2020. MAT will offer some dual enrollment courses instructed by MAT teachers on our campus for students choosing the McKeel Traditional option. McKeel Virtual students wishing to enroll in dual enrollment courses will need to enroll through their MAT School Counselor with Polk State College for classes taught by a PSC professor in an online format.