



The Schools of McKeel Academy

Reopening Plan 20-21

Guiding Principles

These guiding principles are subject to change based on local and state mandates as well as updated recommendations and guidance from the Florida Department of Education, CDC and local health department.

I. ACADEMICS

As stated in Florida Department of Education document, Reopening Florida's Schools and Cares Act, schools are designed to bring people together, creating shared learning spaces, enabling teachers to connect with students in person, empowering students to collaborate and maximizing the value of a shared educational journey.

TSMA will provide students two options for the 2020-2021 academic school year. The enrolling parent must select one option by the designated date to secure their child's spot. Election choice is for a full semester (August-December). TSMA first day of school for both options is Thursday, August 6.

Option 1: Traditional

This model represents a return to the designated school campus where students will interact daily with their teacher(s) and classmates. The school day will follow the standard bell times and standard schedule that includes all core classes and other subject areas. In short, it represents a return to the traditional school environment – with several significant changes involving enhanced health and safety precautions. The goal is to create an environment that provides an opportunity for students to return to the traditional school experience, while providing effective safeguards to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Attendance- In person attendance is important and conducive to learning. TSMA will work with families whose student may contract COVID-19 and will develop a comprehensive care plan for returning to school.

Option 2: McKeel Virtual

This full time virtual school experience is ideal for students who wish to have more control over their learning path and pace and for whom a flexible daily schedule is important. In this learning model, students often work on assignments during hours that work best for the student. The student maintains contact with their McKeel teacher(s) using web-based class sessions, email, and phone calls. Students **MUST** participate in all required state assessments and meet the deadlines for assignments. Attendance will be taken weekly.

II. BUS TRANSPORTATION

Face coverings can be an important mitigation tool for individuals and families when not able to maintain social distancing for activities such as riding a bus. TSMA **highly recommends** students wear a face covering/mask while riding a school bus.

TSMA will disinfect school busses between routes and at the end of each school day.

III. ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

Hand sanitizer stations will be set up at the entrance of each campus for students to sanitize their hands before they enter the campus. To decrease congregating in one location students will be encouraged to practice social distancing. Individual schools will have a plan to space students out.

MAC Preschool parents are the only parents allowed to walk up to the campus to drop off and pick up their Preschool student and siblings of the Preschool student.

IV. FOOD SERVICE/CAFETERIA

TSMA cafeteria seating will resume at 50% capacity. The remaining 50% of students being served during their designated lunchtime will eat in their classroom or utilize outdoor space. The individual campuses will share school specific plans. TSMA will enhance the cleaning of surfaces between service times. TSMA will prohibit food-sharing activities

V. HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

Health Screenings- Health screenings will be conducted regularly for individuals on TSMA property. Parents/guardians should conduct their own screenings at home each morning before the school day and must keep their child home if ill. All staff will perform a symptom self screen prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill. Temperature checks are not mandated and therefore will not be conducted on or by TSMA staff or students as an initial screening method. Instead, wellness check questions will be used for staff and students. Wellness check questions:

- a. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- b. Have you had a fever (100.4° or higher) or felt feverish in the last 72 hours?
- c. Are you experiencing any new respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?
- d. Are you experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?
- e. Have you experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?

Sick Individuals- Sick individuals will be refused entry into schools or buildings to reduce the risk of contamination. Employees presenting with sickness, symptoms or answering yes to any of the screening questions shall not be permitted to enter facilities. Parent/guardians presenting with sickness symptoms shall be denied entry into facilities. Students who show symptoms of sickness shall immediately be placed in a predetermined isolation area until they can be taken home.

Should the school receive confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in a school building, the school will contact the health department immediately and follow their guidance.

Face Coverings- TSMA **highly recommends** the usage of face coverings. Students and staff should always have a mask with them in case their use is required (transported in a school vehicle, if an individual becomes symptomatic, before and after school, and during class changes.)

Directional Traffic Flow - Directional hallway traffic will be implemented whenever possible.

Classrooms- When feasible, classrooms will be arranged so that all desks face the same direction. Students will not share supplies. Supplies should be kept in an individual student container.

Cleaning- TSMA will educate stakeholders on COVID cleaning standards through posted signage, videos and comprehensive training on best methods to protect students, families and staff. Education campaigns will include methods, frequency of cleaning, classroom protocols, and staff efforts to reduce risk, hand washing/sanitizing and physical distancing expectations.

Cleaning protocols and chemical handling are intended for employee use only and will be provided to all facilities. Cleaning/disinfecting will take place on all high touch areas throughout each school day.

Hand sanitizer will be made available in all schools, facilities and busses. Since proper hand sanitizing will disinfect germs present on a dispenser, touch-less sanitizer dispensers should not be necessary. The presence of sanitizer shall be prioritized over the dispenser type.

Good Hygiene Practices-

- Hand Washing (at least 20 seconds)
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a flexed elbow or tissue (wash hands afterwards)
- Stay home when ill
- Teach and model creating space and avoiding unnecessary touching
- Avoid touching face, eyes, mouth, or nose
- Do not share water bottles or food with others

- Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exiting classroom
- Face coverings- How to properly fit, wear, and handle a mask
- Encourage students to create appropriate hand signals to replace shaking hands, hugging, or giving high fives

Drinking fountains will be sanitized daily but staff and students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to minimize the use and touching of water fountains. Water bottles must be labeled with student name.

Visitors- TSMA will minimize and/or eliminate the need for people to be in the school building other than necessary stakeholders. Lunch visitors are prohibited until further notice.

Recess- Recess times will be staggered and teachers will encourage games that limit physical contact. High touch areas on playground equipment will be disinfected between the uses of each class.

Physical Education Class- Students will disinfect their hands coming in and out of PE class. PE equipment will be disinfected frequently and teachers will limit equipment when possible.

MAT students will not be required to dress out as a means to minimize time in the locker room.

Lockers- MAT students will not utilize lockers located in hallways.

VI. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

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.

Field Trips- Student travel will be handled on a case-by-case basis. TSMA will seek guidance from the CDC and the local health department guidelines for travel.

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.

Cat Care- TSMA is currently gathering information for our before and after school program and will provide that information in the upcoming weeks.

VII. HUMAN RESOURCES

TSMA Employees- TSMA employees are deemed essential and are required to report to duty during their scheduled work hours. Any employee who falls under a COVID related incident would fall under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Employee Travel- Employee travel will be handled on a case-by-case basis. TSMA will seek guidance from the CDC and the local health department guidelines for travel.