

MONTROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43-2

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2023-2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Montrose School District Return to School Plan has been developed to provide students with in-person learning opportunities only for the 2023-2024 school year. The school district will continue to have several mitigation efforts and strategies in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19 and ensure students have access to needed services for academic success. The plan is subject to change if COVID 19 cases in the county, town, or school warrant such changes to occur. The plan is accessible on the school districts web page <https://montrose.k12.sd.us> for public viewing. Spanish version is also available on our website. All other languages the Montrose school will contact interpreter to communicate plan.

Any questions regarding this plan can be directed to Superintendent Lonny Johnson via email at Lonny.johnson@k12.sd.us or phone (605)363-5025.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The coronavirus also referred to as COVID 19 virus is a very contagious virus. It is believed to be spread primarily through person to person contact.

The Montrose School District has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID 19. However, the district cannot guarantee that individuals will not become infected with the disease. In addition, school attendance could increase the risk of contracting COVID 19.

INSTRUCTIONAL PLANS/CLASSROOM SAFETY

Schedule Details

- 5-day school week (Monday-Friday)
- Staff schedule/hours: Monday-Friday (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday-Friday staff are expected to be in their classroom at 8:00am.
- PK-1st grade will drop off/pick up at the elementary doors.
- 2nd grade-12th grade drop off/pick up at the administration door.
- Bus drop off/loading will be at the activity entrance door.
- Doors will be open at 8:00am. Students dropped off before 8:00 am will have to wait outside. Students will be allowed in the classroom before 8:00am if prior arrangements were made by the teacher and student if a student needs extra help with academics.
- We encourage all students to bring their own water bottle. Students can use the water fountains.

School Schedule

	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Start	8:25 am	8:25 am	8:25 am
Dismissal	3:25 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm

Bell Schedule	High School	Bell Schedule	Middle School
1 st Period	8:25-9:12	1 st Period	8:25-9:12
2 nd Period	9:15-10:02	2 nd Period	9:15-10:02
3 rd Period	10:05-10:52	3 rd Period	10:05-10:52
4 th Period	10:55-11:42	4 th Period	10:55-11:42
5 th Period			
HS CLASS	11:45-12:32	MS LUNCH	11:42-12:10
HS LUNCH	12:35-1:00	MS CLASS	12:13-1:00
6 th Period	1:03-1:50	6 th Period	1:03-1:50
7 th Period	1:53-2:40	7 th Period	1:53-2:40
8 th Period	2:43-3:30	8 th Period	2:43-3:30

Elementary Classroom:

- Face masks or coverings are voluntary for students and staff.
- Students working in groups will be allowed.
- Classrooms will have scheduled bathroom breaks to eliminate congestion in restroom with other classes. Students will be allowed to use the restroom if absolutely necessary.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle. Drinking fountains will be uncovered and students will be able to drink from the fountain. Every hallway will have a touchless water filling station.
- Each elementary student will need to bring their own snacks for snack break.
- Homemade birthday treats will be allowed.

Elementary Specials:

- Physical Education—
 - Normal arrangement for class.
- Music
 - Normal arrangement for class.
- Library
 - Students will go to the library
- Counseling
 - Elementary classrooms will go to the counselor's room for class.
 - Individual counseling sessions will be in the counselor's room.

Recess:

- PK-K-1st grade-
 - 11:20-11:40
 - Afternoon recess will be on the playground—2:05-2:25
- 2nd-5th grade—
 - 2nd-3rd-11:45-12:05
 - 4th-5th-10:50-11:10
 - 2,3,4- 1:40-2:00

Elementary Lunch

- PK-1st grade will eat from 10:50-11:15am
- 2nd-3rd grade will eat from 11:20-11:45am
- 4th-5th grade will eat from 11:25-11:50am

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL:**MS/HS Classroom:**

- Face masks or coverings are voluntary for students and staff.
- Students will turn in their cell phones at the beginning of class and pick them up at the end of the class period.
- Students working in groups will be allowed.

MS/HS Passing Guidelines:

- Students will be permitted to visit their lockers before school, in-between class periods, during lunch time and after school. Students will not be allowed to carry back packs to class.
- Students will need to fill water bottles before school, in-between classes or at lunch.

MS/HS Specials

- Physical Education
 - Students will change clothes for PE.
- Chorus
 - Normal arrangement for class
- Band
 - Normal arrangement for class

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Bus Transportation

- Face mask or coverings are voluntary for students and driver to wear.

Arrival at school/Breakfast Guidelines:

- All high school students (except seniors) who drive to school will enter the school through the 99 west parking lot doors. Seniors will park in the east parking lot in last two rows.
- Recommended time for students that do NOT ride the school bus is 8:00am.
- PK-5th grade will go to the lunch room to eat breakfast. If they do not want to eat breakfast they will sit in the lunchroom until bell rings at 8:22am then go to homeroom.
- MS/HS students will grab their breakfast when they arrive at school and they will eat their breakfast in their first period classroom. Students will be done eating breakfast at 8:25 am.

End of School Guidelines:

- Elementary students PK-5th Grade
 - Will be dismissed at 3:25
 - PK-1 will be dismissed at the primary doors.
 - All bus riders will be dismissed at the activity entrance door.
 - 2-5 parent pick up will be dismissed at the administration door.
- Middle School
 - Will be dismissed at 3:30
 - Bus riders will be dismissed at the activity entrance
 - Parent pick up will be at the administration door
 - Riders with siblings will be dismissed at the 99 west doors.
- High School
 - Will be dismissed at 3:30
 - Parent pick up will be at the administration door
 - Drivers will leave through the 99 west parking lot
 - Seniors will leave through the activity or administration door.
- MS/HS students who are involved in extracurricular activities will report immediately to your activity or wait in the gym for everyone to show up.
- Students who need to stay after school for extra help from staff members will need to make plans in advance.
- Detention-for MS/HS students will be served from 3:33-4:00pm.

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

The guidance received from national, state and local agencies will provide for the most updated requirements and considerations for schools. In preparation for the 2023-2024 school year, the school district has the following processes in place to benefit the health and safety of all students and staff. These processes include:

- 1- A school nurse to oversee, monitor and evaluate all medical conditions that arise at the school. The school nurse will administer the Abbott Binax Now Rapid COVID 19 test to students (with parent permission) and staff who are showing signs of symptoms. The McCook County Health Department will coordinate with our school nurse to provide the school and community with vaccine information and other health resources that will benefit our students, staff and community members.

Monitoring for Symptoms

- Parents are expected to do wellness checks on their children before they send them to school. If a child displays any symptoms such as fever, chills, shortness of breath, new cough, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep your child home.
- Parents need to have a backup plan if their child gets sick in school.
- Students and staff will be REQUIRED to stay home if;
 - They have tested positive for or are showing COVID 19 symptoms, until they meet the criteria for return.
- Students out of school will be given make-up work and assignments provided by the teacher.

Communicating Individual Positive Infection Cases

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19, they will remain out of school for 5 days from first day of symptoms and/or symptom free for 24 hours without fever (without use of fever reducing medication) and improved symptoms.

Close Contacts and Quarantine

- As a school, we will no longer be making the determinations of close contacts and quarantine.
- SD-DOH has the statutory authority to isolate sick individuals.

Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing

- Custodians will perform routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas with approved disinfectant. They will spray student lockers, door handles and hallway walls.

Use of School Building and Facilities

- The use of indoor facilities for non-education related activities will be allowed with prior approval from school administration.

Parent visitation during the school day

- Parents will be allowed to eat lunch with their child. Parents need to call in advance to let the school know they are eating with their child so the kitchen is prepared for extra guests.
- Parents can visit the classroom with prior approval from the administration. All parents need to stop in the office before visiting the classroom.

Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

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- Tips
 - Take care of your body.
 - Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.
 - Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals.
 - Exercise regularly.
 - Get plenty of sleep.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

- Accommodations will be made for children with disabilities. The building principal will work as the communication hub as we work with recommendations from medical professionals, and the child's IEP team or 504 team of which the parent is a member.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- The district intent along with the MCM sports coop is to have a full schedule of events with open attendance that follows the SDHSAA guidelines.

Board Approval

- August 9, 2021
- **Updated:** Oct 6, 2021
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School Calendar

- School will be 5 days a week.
- The school day will run 8:30-3:30.
- Staff schedule/hours: Monday-Friday (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday-Friday staff are expected to be in their classroom at 8:00am.

Classrooms

- Face masks or coverings are voluntary for students and staff.

Specials

- Music will be in the library.
- Librarian will go to the classroom every week.
- Counselor will go meet with K-8th grades in the library every week.

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