



**ATKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Ready for Learning Plan**  
**Revised September 28, 2023**

**Daily Procedures**

- **Arrival:**
  - **Students may be dropped off from 7:20 - 7:35 a.m.**
    - **Car Riders** will be dropped off at the back of the Middle School building in the car line.
    - Face coverings are optional.
    - **Bus riders** will be dropped off at the cafeteria doors.
  - Students 6th-8th Grade will be outside each morning, weather permitting. If inclement weather (rain, extreme temperatures, etc.) occurs, students will report to the cafeteria to eat breakfast or to the gym (5th grade will report to 1st period).
    - 5th Grade students will report to their 1st period class or breakfast after arriving on campus.
    - 6th Grade will be outside near the volleyball court after breakfast.
    - 7th & 8th Grade will be outside near the basketball court after breakfast.
  - At 7:35 a.m., students will enter the building through their grade level door.
  - Students arriving after 7:40 a.m., should enter through the office. Classes will begin at 7:40 a.m.
- **Attendance**
  - Attendance will be taken each period. Parents of **on-site blended learning** students who will **NOT** be in attendance should contact the school office by phone (479-641-1008) or email ([meghan.ketchum@atkinsschools.org](mailto:meghan.ketchum@atkinsschools.org)) to report their child's absence from school.
  - **Atkins Virtual Academy learners'** attendance is based on the completion of his/her daily assignments.
  - If a student tests positive for COVID, they will need to be fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours before returning on campus.
- **Dismissal:**
  - Bus riders:**
    - Bus riders will be dismissed by grade level in order to limit the number of



students exiting the back entrance of the building at one time.

**Car riders:**

- Car riders will be dismissed to the car line (back of AMS) at 4:03 p.m.
- Students with Elementary siblings will join the Elementary car line. Elementary students will not be picked up in the Middle School car line unless the principal contacts you to make arrangements.
- The front parking area is only for parents who are entering the building to check out a student. It may not be used as a separate pick-up area as it is not safe for our students.

**Walkers:**

- Students who walk home from school will be dismissed at 4:03.

### Academics

**The Atkins School District will provide two options for any child in grades K-12.**

- **Onsite Blended Learning:** Blended learning is the new “traditional school” where students report to school daily (Tuesday through Friday) for a regular school day.
- **Atkins Virtual Academy:** Virtual learning means the child will learn new content remotely from K-8 River Co-op teachers on a full-time basis.

### Classroom Expectations

- **Sanitizing stations may be located throughout the building. Students may use hand sanitizer** prior to entering and when exiting the classroom. Students may also use their own.
- **Students may assist staff members in disinfecting materials and desks** with which they have come into contact before transitioning to a new area.

### Transitions

- **Students will be allowed to carry backpacks throughout the day.**
- Students will keep to their right when walking in the hallway. All faculty will monitor and supervise hallway traffic.
- **Water Dispensers** will be available for students to fill water bottles.
  - Students need to bring a re-sealable water bottle/container to school each day for personal use.

### Health & Safety

- **Routine Care**
  - Students will go to the nurses office for routine health care needs.
- **Students/Staff that are ill**



- The nurse will tend to any students/staff exhibiting symptoms.
- The nurse will contact parents/guardians in the event that a student needs to be picked up.
- **Students and staff must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication prior to returning on campus.**
- **Social/Emotional Support**
  - Our school counselor, Mrs. Wilson, will be onsite daily to ensure students feel safe and happy at AMS and will be available to provide support when needed.
- **Visitors**
  - Will be permitted on campus for special occasions / events.
  - All visitors must check in through the front office.

### **Communication**

- If a student or staff member tests positive they may contact the front office of their respected building.
- Students that test positive are encouraged to contact the Middle School Office and their teachers.
- Communication is always very important and valued at Atkins Middle School. We will continue to communicate updates and other important information through social media, our website, and call out system.
  - Atkins Middle School Facebook page: @atkinsmiddle
  - Atkins School District website: atkinsschools.org
  - Atkins Middle School Twitter: @atkins\_middle

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