



MIDLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Midland Families:

Preparing for the uncertainty of the Pandemic at Midland Borough School District, and all aspects of our lives, has not been easy nor perfect. I have admired the efforts of our families, students, faculty, staff and School Board, as we all continue to adjust to the many unpredictable changes. It has been the mission of all of us to ensure our students continued to receive the best possible education under consistently fluctuating circumstances.

As MBSD prepares to welcome our students back Monday, August 30, 2021, I would like to update you on the District's Health and Safety Guidelines. On August 9, 2021, the MBSD school board approved the following health and safety items for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year:


- Contact tracing will continue to identify and quarantine close contacts when positive COVID cases are identified. The District will continue to consult with the PA Department of Health about contact tracing.
- Wearing correctly fitted masks or face coverings can limit the likelihood of quarantine due to a COVID exposure at school
 - Masks and face coverings will be **mandatory** for all students and staff while Beaver County transmission rate is at the **substantial or high level** based on the Centers for Disease Control and PA Department of Health level of transmission data
 - Beginning the 2021-2022 school year, due to Beaver County being in the substantial/high transmission rates, masks or face coverings will be required while in the building
 - Beaver County transmission rates will be monitored every 2 weeks
 - Masks/face coverings are Federally mandated while students and staff are on a school bus or public transportation.
- Students will be socially distanced by 3-6 feet during lunch and activities that require masks/face coverings to be removed
- Masks/face coverings will **not be required** for students **when they are outside for recess or other outside activities**
- The Midland Borough School District Board reserves the right to make changes to the plan based on local conditions/metrics, guidance from local and national agencies, and recommendations from health organizations
- The District's plans may change abruptly; we often receive information at the same time as all of you

Our school year will begin very much the way it ended with a few changes. One of those changes is that the District will not run concurrent virtual and in-class options as we did last school year, unless students are required to quarantine. However, the District will use a third-party provider to offer a 100% asynchronous virtual option (LOLA) for any student who prefers this learning mode to begin the 2021-2022 school year. Students that request LOLA are required to commit to a nine-week grading period. If you would like your child enrolled in LOLA, you must contact the Principal, Ms. Brenda Militello, to set up an in-person conference at 724-643-8650.

We still have a way to go with this virus. We cannot stress enough that as we continue to move through this phase of the pandemic, things will continue to change quickly. The District’s plan is subject to change with little notice based on the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the PA Dept of Health. Please continue to check the School District Website at www.midlandpa.org and our Facebook page for important updates.

Working together I am certain we will continue to celebrate successes throughout the coming months by keeping students in school five days a week for as long as possible. I look forward to maintaining our collaborative efforts throughout the 2021-2022 school year!

Very truly yours,



Sean D. Tanner
Superintendent

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We are also pleased to announce a Meet the Teacher Night will be held on the following dates and times. *In order to adhere to the physical distancing limitations, we are asking parents to bring only the child with them at the time and day they are scheduled to meet their teacher.*

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

GRADES	DATE OF EVENT	TIME OF EVENT
K4, K5, 1st, 4th, 5th & 6th	Wednesday, August 25, 2021	5:00 PM
2nd, 3rd, 7th & 8th	Thursday, August 26, 2021	5:00 PM

Details for the *Meet the Teacher Night* will be posted on the District’s website at www.midlandpa.org
Masks/face shields will need to be worn by all students, staff and guests at this event

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

	GRADES 4TH – 8TH	GRADES K5 – 3RD	GRADE K4
ARRIVAL TIME	7:35 AM	8:15 AM	8:15 AM
DISMISSAL TIME	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	2:00 PM

Please note that breakfast will be served upon arrival