

Safe Return Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students, teachers, staff, and visitors in school buildings should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. (MDH Updated 09/03/2021) There will be disposable masks in the building in case students or staff come into the building without a mask.
Vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and Students are recommended to get vaccinated. We are not requiring individuals to get vaccinated at the moment.
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms whenever possible.
Meal Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Lunch and Breakfast is free for students in K-8 Grade for the 2021-2022 school year Breakfast will be served in classrooms Lunch will be served in the cafeteria with each class in an assigned table with their grade levels
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are encouraged to check the symptoms of their children before they go on the bus Students will be encouraged to stay socially distanced while at the bus stops. This must be a joint effort between families, the transportation company, and school Students will be required to wear a face mask while riding on the bus. Bus drivers are expected to have disposable masks to hand out to students in the event that a student does not have his or her mask.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/ guardians are welcome to visit the school with any questions or concerns they may have, but they can not pass beyond the foyer. No visitor will enter the student area (beyond the foyer) unless they have a pre-scheduled appointment with a staff member Activities that bring a large number of people together will be limited during the school year.

<p>Disinfecting & Cleaning & Handwashing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sanitation stations throughout the school that can be easily accessed for staff & students ● Custodial shifts will apply the full standard cleaning of all high touched surfaces daily ● Additional disinfecting will be performed prior to the arrival of students and staff. ● If there is a positive COVID-19 case in the building, the school will deep clean according to Minnesota Department of Health requirements. ● All students and staff should wash/ sanitize their hands before and after meals, using the bathroom, recess, arrival and dismissal.
<p>COVID-19 Health screening, Isolation and Quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students, teachers, and staff who have been fully vaccinated do not need to stay home even if they have had recent close contact with a confirmed case so long as they do not have symptoms and do not test positive. Follow CDC testing guidance ● Staff or Students who have confirmed COVID-19 testing can stay home for 10 days and are fever free for 24 hours. ● Confirmed cases will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health ● People who test positive for COVID and their unvaccinated household members will be required to quarantine.
<p>Handling suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students, teachers, and staff should stay home if they feel sick and should contact a healthcare provider for testing and care. ● Staff who are suspected or have a confirmed COVID-19 are handled by the human resource department. ● Students who are suspected or have have confirmed COVID-19 case will be handled by the Health Office and the COVID-19 Coordinator and will follow MDH guidelines
<p>COVID-19 Testing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>COVID-19 case report form for students & Staff</u> ● People who are not fully vaccinated and returning to in-person school, sports, or extracurricular activities (and their families) should get tested regularly for COVID-19 according to CDC guidance.
<p>School Year Learning Models & Instructional Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SciTech Academy will provide instruction programs in several ways: all classroom lessons will be available online so students can participate on their electronic devices during in-class instruction. There are multiple digital curriculums in place that can be accessed for e-learning. ● Assignments will be available on both in-person & google classroom ● Classroom instruction will be delivered as in a regular school year with the following exceptions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be assigned specific teacher-driven assignments on IXL, Moby Max, Google classroom, and Seesaw● Online platforms (Google Classroom, SeeSaw) will be incorporated into lessons to be used by both students in class and students who are distance learning.
Student Support Surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Specialist teachers (language, ELL, intervention) may work in their classrooms● When students are being pulled-out for instruction students who are in the same grade will social distance from other grade levels.● Students will bring their own materials to specialist rooms.● Specialist classrooms and materials will be disinfected between each group of students.● Teachers will disinfect surfaces and high traffic areas in the classroom throughout the day and at the end of the day.
More Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● COVID-19 Updates Minnesota Department of Education● Food & Nutrition Service Update● Supporting Students● Schools and Child Care COVID-19 Best Practice Recommendations