
Manchester Essex Middle School

— In-Person Learning Updates —

Tonight we will review:

- Middle/High School Return to full in-person learning in April
 - Data on remote learners
 - Classroom capacity at 4' social distancing
 - Social distancing barriers - lunch periods
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We're excited to bring the kids back!

Data Related to our Fully Remote Families

Currently: **23%** of middle school students are fully remote as follows:

Grade Level	Number of Fully Remote Students
Grade 6	17 students
Grade 7	11 Students
Grade 8	49 students
Total	77 students

Families have chosen the fully remote model for the following reasons:

Response Selected	Percentage of Respondents
Concern for my student's personal health	51.2% (41 respondents)
My student has an underlying medical condition.	10% (8 respondents)
Concern for the health of a family member	58.8% (47 respondents)
The in-school experience is not desirable.	45% (36 respondents)
My child is learning better remotely.	18.8% (15 respondents)
I would like my child to attend in-person school, but my child is hesitant.	21.3% (17 respondents)
My child would like to attend in-person school, but I am hesitant.	7.5% (6 respondents)
The current state/local COVID numbers are concerning.	22.5% (18 respondents)

Reasons why in-person learning is not desirable:

Response Selected	Percentage of Respondents
My child does not want to (or cannot) wear a mask all day.	32.6% (15 respondents)
There is not enough socialization for my child.	32.6% (15 respondents)
My family thinks the start of the day is too early.	8.7% (4 respondents)
My child's friends are not in school.	19.6% (9 respondents)
My child's friends are not in his/her cohort.	19.6% (9 respondents)
Lunch in the cafeteria (without masks) is concerning to us.	34.8% (16 respondents)
Switching between remote and in-person learning is too much for my child.	39.1% (18 respondents)

Classroom Capacity at 4' Social Distancing: 26 - 30 students

Classroom Spaces	Minimum Class Size per Grade	Maximum Class Size per Grade
Grade 6	16 students	24 students
Grade 7	9 students	26 students
Grade 8	19 students	30 students
Exploratory	12 students	29 students

Notes:

Not including small-group special education classes

Science classrooms = 26

Calculations assume no remote students.

Calculations assume existing social distance between student and teacher desks remains as is.

In Summary

- The middle school can accommodate all students at 4' social distancing.
- All other mitigating measures will continue:
 - Masking
 - Sanitizing
 - 6' social distancing during lunch
 - MedBot Screener
 - Weekly COVID Surveillance Testing (additional participation is encouraged)
- Existing social distances between student and teacher desks will remain.
- Overflow space will continue to be used as needed.
- Hyflex teaching will continue based on the needs of our remote families.
- This week, we will collect data on the number of families who choose to continue with the fully remote model.
- The gym will be used exclusively for lunches (MS/HS times are 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.).