

# Middleton School District #134

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Dear MSD Parent/Guardian,

We are on the countdown to our new start date for school- **Tuesday, September 8th!** This new start date applies to both face to face school as well as our online school. Changes at MSD are taking place rapidly in preparation for the start of school, and we are doing our very best to keep you informed along the way. We plan to have a revised draft calendar ready for the school board to approve at the September 14th school board meeting which will account for instructional student days that were missed in August and September as a result of our delayed start. The new calendar will be sent out and posted to the district website as soon as it is finalized.

We are currently working to finalize teacher assignments for our new MSD online school. **In an effort to have all staff assigned, several days prior to school starting, we have identified August 31st as the last day we will accept online enrollments for students.** Please be aware that failure to register for school online with MSD prior to this date will result in your child's enrollment being denied for our online school unless we have available spots within current staffing levels. **Also, please be aware that students will not be permitted to move between our online school and our face to face schools unless it is the end of the term or there are extenuating circumstances and a building administrator approves the change.** As previously communicated, we will be offering our online school option in partnership with the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA). Elementary students will be assigned to MSD staff only, while secondary students will be assigned to a combination of MSD staff and IDLA staff. All IDLA enrollment will be coordinated through our schools under our partnership with IDLA.

While we are still working on adding and confirming staffing for our online school, we are pleased to announce the following individuals who have committed to teach for the MSD online school:

Kindergarten- Ms. Ashley Gazley

First Grade- Ms. Amy Vaughn

Second Grade- Ms. Kristina Nordby

Third Grade- Ms. Shalynn Carpenter

Fourth Grade- Ms. Kim Platt

Fifth Grade- Ms. Heather Larsen

Secondary Sciences- Ms. Corrina Smith

Secondary Social Sciences- Ms. Nicole Bergquist

As you are likely aware, MSD has not yet determined the category in which we will reopen on September 8th. Our goal is to identify the metrics we will follow to guide our categories of reopening by August 24th. We plan to communicate what category we will open in no later than August 31st. Student cohorts for both category 2 (yellow) and category 3 (red) will be sent out by principals next week so that families may begin planning for remote days. If you need to reference our reopening plan or our guidance document for what hybrid, remote, and online learning looks like, you may find those documents here:

Reopening Plan: [bit.ly/30ac9ZA](https://bit.ly/30ac9ZA)

Hybrid, Remote, and Online Guidance: <https://bit.ly/3jNDQPE>

School supply lists have been added to the MSD website. We ask that you plan to provide these materials if your children will be attending school face to face, but suggest that you wait to purchase them until we are closer to our start date and have announced the category for which we plan to reopen.

Sincerely,  
Middleton School District