

Medway Middle School

Remote Learning Overview 2020-2021



Due to the recent COVID outbreak in the Katahdin Region, we recommend to the board that we deviate from our approved plan to begin the year using a hybrid learning model. For student, staff, and community safety we believe we should begin the year with full remote learning. Additionally, we recommend that the local outbreak is monitored closely and the appropriateness of our learning model be assessed every two weeks.

### **Calendar Changes**

- First Staff Day September 2nd
  - These seven days will be used to carry out mandatory training, participate in professional development, prepare student learning materials for pick up, and provide support for incoming 5th graders and newly enrolled students. We will determine if 9/2-9/4 are carried out in-person or virtually as the local COVID situation continues to develop.
- First Student Day September 14th
  - Students will have all of their necessary materials prior to this date. Students will begin the year fully remote.

# Student Learning

- Students will receive academic instruction four days a week.
- Wednesdays will be an academic support day.
- Instruction will be provided using ZOOM and Google Classroom.
- The student day is 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Students will have breaks scheduled throughout the day.
- Students will continue to have "specials" classes.
- Students will have wellness each day (a combination of health and phys. ed).
- Families will be provided with ideas of how to utilize the scheduled breaks for student mental and physical health.
- Students will be graded using our board approved grading scale.

# **Student Responsibilities**

- Students will report to their scheduled classes each day via ZOOM.
- Students will be active participants in their classes.
- Students will use their school issued devices and materials responsibly.

• Students will inform their teacher(s) if they are in need of support.

#### **Staff Responsibilities**

- Staff will report to MMS each day between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m.
- Teachers will follow the assigned teaching schedule provided.
- Ed techs will provide support in classes and to individual students as is appropriate following the schedule provided.
- Instruction will be provided four days per week via ZOOM.
- Wednesday will be an academic support day during which teachers and ed techs are accessible for students.
- All masking and social distancing guidelines will be followed while in the school building.
- The nurse will be present each day beginning at 7:15 to screen staff entering the building for fever.

#### Supporting Students with Remote Learning

- New students will be invited to come to school with one parent to receive instruction on using their laptop and the necessary programs for remote learning prior to the start of the school year.
- Students and Parents will be given a document with all of their usernames and passwords.
- Zoom meetings will be recurring and accessible directly from the student schedule.
- Teachers and support staff will be assembling a list of students who struggled with remote learning last year. We will reach out to parents to provide a "remote refresher" for these students and families.