



MPS Returns to In-Person Learning in April

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors has approved a plan to return most students to in-person learning in April. Families who would like their children to continue learning remotely can remain virtual for the remainder of the school year.

Students will return to classrooms on the following schedule:

- **Wednesday, April 14, 2021:** Students in K3 through grade 3 begin in-person learning (attending Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week).
- **Monday, April 19, 2021:** Students in grades 4 through 8 begin in-person learning.
- **Monday, April 26, 2021:** Students in grade 12 and students who are in danger of failing begin in-person learning. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will remain virtual.
- **Note that all students will learn virtually on Wednesdays beginning April 21.**

Families are asked to complete a survey indicating their choice of in-person or virtual learning. Surveys can be accessed online at <https://tinyurl.com/MPS-School-Reopening>. Families are asked to return surveys by April 1, 2021. Survey information is important to plan for buses, student meals, and more.

For more information, visit the Roadmap to Readiness website [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional details. This site can be translated into Arabic, Burmese, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish.

Student Meal Preorders

Important changes are coming to meal distribution! April 1 will be the last date for meal distribution at Stop, Grab, and Go locations. Beginning April 12, new procedures will be in place.

All students who return to in-person learning will receive breakfast and lunch in school on school days. Preorders will now be required for students who remain learning virtually and for students who return to school but need meals on Wednesdays, when school is virtual.

Families will be required to fill out a form at least one week before meals are needed for children age 18 and under. Visit the [Meal Preorder Form](#) or [download a flyer](#) for more information. **Meals for the week of April 12 must be ordered by Monday, March 29.**

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Family Engagement Sessions

To help students and families prepare to go back to school, MPS will host informational sessions about preparations and procedures in schools to keep everyone safe and healthy on these dates:

- Wednesday, March 31: Parents of K3–3rd grade students
- Wednesday, April 14: Parents of 4th–8th grade students
- Wednesday, April 21: Parents of high school students

All sessions are 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. [Download a flyer for more information.](#)

Register using this link: <https://bit.ly/2Qzts3L>

Families will receive login information after they register.

Sports Are Back!

MPS is pleased to share that spring sports—baseball, boys golf and tennis, softball, girls soccer, and boys and girls track and field—will begin in April. Athletic directors will be trained on all safety guidelines. [Learn more and read the Return to Play Game Plan on the MPS Athletics web page.](#)

MPS Job Fair--Teachers Wanted!

MPS is hiring licensed teachers for Fall 2021! Do you want to make a difference for Milwaukee students and provide an exceptional education? Explore schools in our Central Region and learn about schools targeted for Comprehensive Supports and Improvements (CSI). Attend our virtual hiring events on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M and Wednesday, March 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Register and learn more at mpsmke.com/jobfair.

Vaccines Available for Ten Milwaukee ZIP Codes

All Milwaukee residents age 16 and older from select ZIP codes are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Residents of the following ZIP codes can schedule a vaccine now: 53204, 53205, 53206, 53209, 53215, 53216, 53218, 53223, 53224, 53233. Visit the [Milwaukee Health Department web site](#) for information and details about scheduling a vaccine.

MPS Spring Break

Families are reminded that spring break is April 2-9, 2021. Students will not have virtual classes on these days. Virtual learning will resume on April 12 and 13. Students who choose to return to schools will begin in-school learning on Wednesday, April 14.

Please see below for information about Spring Break Meals and Meal Bundles.

Spring Break Meals and Meal Bundles

Spring Break for MPS students is April 2-9, 2021. Meals are not distributed at Stop, Grab, and Go sites when students do not have class. To support children during the school break, extra meals can be picked up prior to spring break.

Wednesday, March 31: Children age 18 and under can receive two breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners.

Thursday, April 1: Children age 18 and under can receive a Spring Break Meal Bundle while supplies last. Limit three bundles per family. Meal bundles will include breakfast items, pasta, potatoes, apples, oranges, milk, and turkey ham. Refrigeration will be required. [More details will be available soon on the Stop, Grab, and Go web page.](#)

Spring Break Virtual Adventures

The Urban Ecology Center and Wisconsin Humane Society are hosting free virtual adventures for children in grades K5 - 6 during spring break. To learn more, visit the [Extended Learning Opportunities webpage.](#)

Scholarships

Need Money for College? Fill out the FAFSA!

The first step in finding money for college is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is free and will reveal what loans and grants may be available to students. [Read more about FAFSA.](#) Help is available to students through [MPS College and Career Centers.](#)

In case you missed it . . .

FoodShare for All MPS Families

All Milwaukee Public Schools children are eligible for FoodShare benefits because the district offers free lunch to all students and has been virtual all school year. Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) funds are available to families of all Wisconsin children who have been learning from home and are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Parents of school-aged children who currently receive FoodShare benefits will have P-EBT benefits added to the existing QUEST card.

Families who currently do not receive FoodShare or other state benefits may need to complete a simplified online P-EBT FoodShare application that will be available in April at www.access.wi.gov. We will share the link when it becomes available. Be sure to apply!

Career Exploration

Real Estate Exchange Summer Program for high school juniors and seniors: Attend this virtual program July 12-23, 2021, to learn about careers in commercial real estate. Interested students should go to <https://www.naiop-wi.org/reex> to learn more and find out how to obtain a scholarship and apply for the program. Note that students must email info@naiop-wi.org to indicate interest and receive an application fee waiver prior to applying. Deadline is March 31, 2021.

High school girls are invited to a workshop, **Young Women in Commercial Real Estate**, to learn about real estate careers including banking, engineering, design, and management. [Learn more and register at Menomonee River Valley Partners.](#) A group session will take place April 21, 2021, and a mentor session will take place March 31, 2021.

Summer Academy Registration Is Open

Get ready for Summer Academy! Visit mpsmke.com/summeracademy for all the details.

Grades K5-8 can take part in a six-week camp with weekly themes in art, music, math, science, and literacy. Session runs June 22 to July 29 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Middle and high school students can catch up on credits or get ahead. Two sessions are available: June 7-July 2 and July 6-29 from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

We're here to help!

For questions about your child or your school, please email your child's teacher or principal.

MPS Central Services Phone Line: (414) 475-8393

MPS Hotline: (414) 475-8900

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For specific questions regarding a child with disabilities, call the **Department of Specialized Services at (414) 438-3648**.

Families who need support for **English language learners** can call **(414) 777-7806**.

Enrollment

If you need immediate enrollment, contact a school directly, visit our [Immediate Enrollment](#) page, or call (414) 267-5100. For Fall Enrollment, visit mpsmke.com/enroll.

Chromebook Support

If your student's Chromebook is not working properly, do not try to repair it yourself. Email the MPS Technology Support Center at tsc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us immediately or call (414) 438-3400 . Please include a phone number, school name, student name and ID number, and description of the problem in the email so we can contact you.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Technical Support

Live Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) support is available from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

To recover a username/password: Parents/guardians should email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. Include the parent/guardian name, child's name, birth date, and a contact number. If you do not receive a phone call or email within 24 hours, please call (414) 475-8159 for further assistance.

For assistance setting up a new Parent Portal account: Parents/guardians may call (414) 475-8159 or email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Helpful Links for Students and Families

[Roadmap to Readiness Website](#): These new pages will support students and parents as we transition to the new school year virtually this fall.

[MPS website](#): Everything you need to know about the district.

[MPS Stop, Grab, & Go](#): Information about meal distribution sites.

[OverDrive/SORA](#): Help your child log in and access online library books for summer reading.

[Enrichment Activities](#): Dance, yoga, crafts, and more to keep children engaged.

[Family Resources](#): Get support with helping your child learn at home.

Local COVID-19 Testing Sites and Information

If you feel you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider or access information about testing sites in the Milwaukee area.

- [City of Milwaukee Health Department](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)

[Community Assistance](#): Find supports for food access, mental health, financial assistance, and more.

[IMPACT 2-1-1](#): A network of local resources to assist families.



Milwaukee Board of School Directors

Upcoming Meetings: April

If you'd like to follow the meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, visit the [Electronic School Board page](#) to find the meeting schedule, agendas, and links to watch or listen to live meetings. Instructions for public testimony are also offered on this page.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting: Thurs. April 22, 6:30 P.M.

Organizational Board Meeting: Tues. April 27, 5:30 P.M.

