



# ADM Community Schools

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ADM Families,

Last night, August 3, the ADM Board of Education voted to start the 2020-21 school year using [ADM's On-Site Learning Plan](#). School will begin with face-to-face instruction on August 24, 2020. The purpose of this update is to provide you with more information about the start of the 2020-21 school year.

**2020-21 Updated ADM Academic Calendar:** To help parents and community members stay up to date with current plans, ADM has revised the academic calendar that captures a number of changes related to reopening during the pandemic. Please note the following key dates related to the start of the year:

- August 24: 2:00 Early Dismissal
- August 25: 2:00 Early Dismissal
- August 28: Student Remote Learning Day - Teacher Work Day
- September 4: Student Remote Learning Day - Teacher Work Day
- September 11: Student Remote Learning Day - Teacher Work Day
- September 18: Student Remote Learning Day - Teacher Work Day
- Starting September 25: All Fridays 1:00 Early Dismissal (unless otherwise noted on the calendar)

**Remote Learning For Students Unable To Attend On-Site:** In order to support parent choice for students unable to attend on-site due to health and safety issues or other family circumstances related to COVID-19, ADM is providing a remote learning option.

- Enrollment for the first 9 weeks of remote learning, August 24 - October 23, is now open and will close on August 10 at 6:00 PM.
- Please review the following document for more detailed information about the remote learning option and how to enroll prior to the August 10 deadline.
  - **Overview & Enrollment:** [ADM Remote Learning For Students Unable To Attend On-Site](#)

**Back To School:** Building principals are working to provide back to school opportunities for students and families prior to the start of the school year. More information and specifics will be shared when plans are finalized in the days to come.

**Students Attending On-Site:** Students attending on-site will begin school on August 24. Students in grades 3-12 are required to have a mask when they arrive at school or enter a school bus. ADM will provide each student in grades 3-12 with two cloth face masks. Logistics are still being developed for how and when families will receive the cloth face coverings being provided by ADM.

**Building On-Site Learning Plans and Mitigation:** In the [Return To Learn Overview](#) and [On-Site Learning Plan](#), ADM has provided families with a general overview of the core mitigation, classroom mitigation, and building mitigation strategies being developed and explored related to COVID-19. Principals and their building leadership teams are working to develop building specific learning plans and overview documents that will provide even greater detail and information for parents. ADM anticipates releasing these overview documents to families during the week of August 10.



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**Transportation Changes:** ADM families are encouraged to provide students with transportation to and from school to reduce capacity levels on buses. Families can read more about current transportation mitigation strategies on page 7 of [ADM's Return To Learn Overview](#) document.

- In light of the decision to begin the school year with on-site learning, it is likely that some families who indicated a need for transportation during school registration will now choose to no longer ride an ADM School Bus.
- Families that need to make a change in their transportation designation will be asked to complete and submit an electronic transportation change form to help ADM's Transportation Department plan for the start of the school year. The link to the ADM Transportation Change form will be sent to all families by the end of this week.

**ADM Walk Zones & Busing Changes:** On August 3rd, the ADM Board of Education voted to implement walking zones for students attending Adel Elementary, DeSoto Intermediate, and ADM Middle/High School. Maps and details about the walk zones that have been established will be emailed to all families by the end of the week.

Thank you all for your patience and grace throughout this process. I have never been so proud to be superintendent at this great place in such a time as this. Have a great day, and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Sincerely,

Greg