



Marietta City Schools Virtual Learning – Grades 9-12 Fall 2020

Based on the most recent guidance by health experts, MCS will offer only virtual learning for all students to start the school year. The protocols detailed in this document are specific to students and families at **MHS**. Our approach will continue to be responsive to health data and recommended protocols by public health officials and medical clinicians.

We acknowledge the magnitude of this decision for our families; we also hold firm to our first priority and greatest moral responsibility: the safety of our students and staff. We recognize, in this moment, we must collaborate with our families to meet both the academic and social-emotional needs of our MHS students. MCS will continue to be progressive and innovative during this time – we will rise to this moment and partner with our families.

Student Learning, Assessment, and Accountability (MHS)				
Student Schedules				
Student schedules (with assigned teacher and course) will be available in Aspen on July 28.				
Student Learning Schedule				
Time	Monday, Wednesday (A Day)	Tuesday, Thursday (B Day)	Friday (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)	*Saturday
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Virtual Office Hours	Virtual Office Hours	-Virtual Student/Teacher Work Day -Virtual Clubs and Organizations -1-on-1 Virtual Tutoring No In-Person Lab Hours or Tutoring will occur on Friday.	* Tentative Start Date after Labor Day In-Person Session #1 at WWC 9:00 am to 12:00 pm -Capped seat limits each week -No cost to participate -Bus transportation will not be provided
9:00 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.	1A	1B		
10:00 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.	2A	2B		
11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	3A	3B		
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH	LUNCH		* Tentative Start Date after Labor Day In-Person Session #2 at WWC 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm -Capped seat limits each week -No Cost to participate -Bus transportation will not be provided
1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	4A	4B		
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Virtual Office Hours	Virtual Office Hours		
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. *(Tentative Start Date after Labor Day)	In-Person Lab Hours & Tutoring *Exact schedule TBD	In-Person Lab Hours & Tutoring *Exact schedule TBD		
3:00 p.m. - Finish	GHSA Athletics	GHSA Athletics	GHSA Athletics	GHSA Athletics

Expectations of Teachers

Teachers will assign work.
Teachers will provide feedback.
Teachers will provide direct, live instruction in accordance with the MHS student learning schedule.
Teachers will respond to email and phone messages within 48 hours.
Teachers will be available during all Virtual Office Hours with an open Zoom session for students and parents.

Expectations of Students and Families

Students should engage with their teachers, which includes but is not limited to participating in live learning sessions and completing assignments.
Students and families should make reasonable attempts to access Schoology and other online platforms recommended by their teachers.
Maintain frequent contact with the teacher – please do not hesitate to ask questions when you or your child need help.
Return all required school documents either electronically or by an in-person drop-off.
If you are unable to access Schoology, please email schoologysupport@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7255.
If your child does not have access to a laptop/Chromebook or hotspot or needs technical support with a district-issued device, please email techhelp@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7215.

Balanced Approach to Assessment

Teachers will incorporate various types of assessments, as appropriate for the grade/course.
Teachers will provide students with multiple attempts to demonstrate mastery.
Student grades will be recorded and students will be responsible for assigned work.

Special Education/504 Services

Students who receive special education/504 services will continue to receive programmatic support to the greatest degree possible through virtual learning. If you have specific questions or needs regarding how your child's services will be provided through virtual learning, please contact Kristal Brown, Director of Special Education, by email (kristalbrown@marietta-city.org).

ESOL Services

Students who receive specialized ESOL services will continue to receive programmatic support to the greatest degree possible through virtual learning. If you have specific questions or needs regarding how your child's specific services will be provided through virtual learning, please contact Jennifer Williams, MHS Assistant Principal and ESOL Coordinator (Grades 6-12) by email (jenniferwilliams@marietta-city.org).

Student Attendance

Student attendance will be recorded and will reflect the student's degree of engagement in virtual learning sessions and completion of assignments. If a family's schedule prohibits a child from attending the virtual learning sessions, please communicate with the teacher and Mrs. Benning, the MHS attendance clerk, (tbenning@marietta-city.org), and access the recorded sessions.

Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (MHS)

Teachers will continue to instruct, assess standards, and record grades in Aspen, as appropriate.
You can see your student's current progress/grade in Aspen at any time. Login to Aspen and click on the "Academics" tab, located on the left side. As students and families have specific questions about assignments and grades, please contact your child's teacher.

Georgia Milestones/IB Exams

The state of Georgia has submitted a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education for suspension of the Georgia Milestones this school year. Additional details will be forthcoming if/when this waiver is approved.

Regarding IB Internal Assessments and Classroom-based External Assessments. Here is the link:

<https://www.marietta-city.org/cms/lib/GA01903590/Centricity/Domain/1282/Parent%20Information%20IB%20Remote%20Assessment.pdf>

Student and Family Support Services (MHS)

Virtual Open House

Principal Ball will create safe opportunities for staff to meet their students and families, which may be socially distanced, in-person and/or virtual. Look for additional details in the coming week.

Chromebooks

Students who received a Chromebook in Spring 2020 should retain this device. Students who do not have access to a Chromebook will be loaned a device at no charge. MCS-issued Chromebooks can be picked up, returned, or repaired at your student's school on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please email techhelp@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7215 with any questions. Any student who has been issued a Chromebook is financially responsible for the return of this device in satisfactory condition.

Internet Access

Based on device availability, a personal hot spot may be loaned to students. Please email techhelp@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7215 with any questions. Hotspots can be picked up, returned, or replaced at your student's school on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Additionally, as offered during Spring 2020, Wi-Fi equipped school buses will be available throughout the community. Please click [here](#) for locations, days, and times.

Student Workbooks and Materials

At the start of the school year, school staff will distribute workbooks and other student materials and supplies (as appropriate for a given course). Please refer to communication from Principal Keith Ball for specific dates and times.

Media Center Resources

The media specialists will communicate opportunities for students to access digital resources at MHS. Students in need of digital resources, please contact our Media Specialists: Ms. Laura Gary-Michel (LGary-Michel@marietta-city.org) or Tim Nielson (t Nielson@marietta-city.org).

Social-Emotional Support

Professional school counselors, social workers, and the school nurse will be available to support students through individual and small-group sessions. As you have specific questions or needs, please contact your school's professional school counselor or principal.

Additionally, the Marietta Student Life Center staff offers support and resources, including virtual appointments. Please refer to their [website](#) for a comprehensive list of services or contact Director Dr. Rona Roberts by email (rroberts@marietta-city.org).

Schoology Training

In August, MHS will provide family training videos/sessions in Schoology. Our priority is to help each family understand the functionality of Schoology and how best to support their child's virtual learning. As you have specific questions or needs regarding the location of content in Schoology, please contact your child's teacher. If you are unable to access Schoology, please email schoologysupport@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7255. Edgenuity will be used as a content delivery platform in our Digital Learning Labs, at the Performance Learning Center (PLC), and at the Marietta Alternative Programs and Services (MAPS).

Meal Delivery

Meals will be delivered each school day throughout the Marietta community during virtual learning (Monday – Friday, excluding school holidays). Please refer to the [MCS website](#) (after August 1) for specific information regarding locations and times.

Student Tutoring

MCS is exploring options to provide free, supplemental tutoring through virtual and/or in-person formats before or after the virtual school day (based on staff availability). If/when health experts confirm conditions are safe enough to offer in-person, small-group tutoring, any participating student or staff member would be required to wear a mask and adhere to strict risk mitigation guidelines (socially distance, wash hands, etc.)

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities (MHS)

High School Athletics

MCS is working in collaboration with the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) to develop and adhere to appropriate guidelines for athletic practices and competitions. We expect these guidelines to continue to evolve; each coach will provide updates to our student-athletes and their families, as appropriate. As you have specific questions or needs, please contact your child's coach or Craig McKinney, Director of Athletics, by email (cmckinney@marietta-city.org).

After-school Extracurricular Clubs and Activities

MHS students may have the opportunity to participate in after-school extracurricular clubs and activities, based on the ability to implement appropriate safety protocols and social distancing guidelines and/or virtually. Please refer to communications from Principal Ball or Club Sponsors with specific information in the coming weeks.