



Marietta City Schools Virtual Learning – Grades K-5 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 in **MCS elementary schools (grades K-5)**. 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 youngest learners. 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 (K-5)		
Student Learning Schedule		
Time	Monday – Thursday	Friday
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Within the one-hour morning block, one 30-minute live, whole-class session will be conducted	Student work day Opportunity for small-group counselor sessions Specials (if not previously scheduled in the week)
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Includes student work session and possible small-group sessions (refer to your child’s teacher for specifics)	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Within the one-hour afternoon block, one 30-minute live, whole-class session will be conducted	
Expectations of Teachers		
Teachers will assign work. Teachers will provide feedback. Teachers will provide direct, live instruction in accordance with the K-5 student learning schedule; additional team/grade-level videos are encouraged for supplemental learning. Teachers will respond to email and phone messages within 48 hours.		
Expectations of Students and Families		
Students should engage with their teacher, 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 teacher. Maintain frequent contact with the teacher – please do not hesitate to ask questions when you or your child need help.		

Establish a routine that includes setting learning goals for the day. Be consistent in your daily schedule while giving yourself and your child the grace to be flexible, when necessary.
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/standards.
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).

MILE/Gifted, Remedial, and ESOL Services

Students who receive specialized MILE/gifted, remedial, and/or 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 your child's principal.

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 access the recorded sessions.

Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (Grades K-2)

Teachers will continue to instruct, assess standards, and record grades in Aspen, as appropriate.
As students and families have specific questions about assignments and grades, please contact your child's teacher.

Student Grades in Aspen/Schoology (Grades 3-5)

Teachers will continue to instruct, assess standards, and record grades in Aspen (at the times of the 4.5 week progress report and the 9 week report card), as appropriate.
You can see your student's current progress/grade in Aspen. 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

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.

MILE Testing

Due to required testing protocols, MILE testing cannot be administered virtually. As such, all MILE eligibility testing will resume when students return to in-person learning.

Student and Family Support Services (K-5)

Meet-n-Greet/Virtual Open House

Principals will create safe opportunities for staff to meet their students and families, which may be socially distanced and in-person and/or virtual. Look for additional details from your school principal.

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. 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. Please email techhelp@marietta-city.org or call 678-695-7215 with any questions. 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 Consumables

At the start of the school year, school staff will distribute workbooks and other student-issued materials and resources. Please refer to communication from your principal for specific dates and times.

Worksheets in Schoology

Online content in Schoology will include digital student worksheets. If a family prefers paper worksheets and does not have the means to print at home, please communicate with your child's teacher. MCS staff will be available to provide packets of worksheets in Schoology for families. The packets will be available at weekly intervals for pick-up at school (on designated days and times).

Media Center Resources

The media specialist at each school will communicate opportunities for students to access print or digital resources in each elementary school. Specific safety protocols will be followed to ensure that all materials are safely checked out, returned, and properly disinfected between uses.

Social-Emotional Support

Professional school counselors, social workers, and school nurses 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.

Schoology Training

In August, each school 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.

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.)