



**CENTRAL MONTCALM**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Central Montcalm Middle School

Return to School Information

2020-2021

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We know you have many questions as preparations for the 2020-2021 school year are well underway. Please be assured that as plans are being developed, safety is our number one priority. Decisions are being made based on the requirements and recommendations given in the [MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap](#). Central Montcalm has also utilized guidance from the **Mid-Michigan Health Department**. While the plans are well guided, please also know that information is updated regularly and therefore, plans **may change**. Many of your questions will be answered in this communication. Updated information will continue to be communicated on the school website and Facebook page, linked above.

### When is the first day of school?

Tuesday, August 18th is the first day of school. August 18, 19, and 20 are early release days. Dismissal at 12:50. No school on Friday August 20 and Monday August 24.

### What are the expectations for the use of masks?

Masks (face coverings) will be required for all students and staff at the middle school at all times (in classrooms and common areas), unless eating. If a student or staff member is unable to medically tolerate a mask, they will not be required to wear one. However, a note and explanation must be provided from a doctor. Outdoor masks breaks with social distancing will be encouraged throughout the day.

### Will students be changing classes every hour?

Students will have six class periods, and will move with the same grade level group (cohort) throughout the day. The cohort model will minimize the contacts between students. Classrooms will be cleaned between each group of students. Paths for movement within the building will be one way whenever possible.

### What about elective/exploratory classes?

Students will have two elective classes; however the electives will be assigned to cohorts. This will limit flexibility in elective choices. PE classes will be outside as much as possible. Students will be able to go to the library with their class. The library will be cleaned after every use.

### Will there be an Open House or Registration? When will student schedules be available?

There will be no open house, registration, or orientation. Student schedules will be available through PowerSchool by August 14th.

## Will parents be able to be in the building?

Only students and staff will be allowed beyond the office area.

## If I transport my child, what will drop off and pick up look like?

Students will not be allowed to be dropped off before **7:40 am**. Entrance and exit procedures will be available by August 14.

## What supplies will my child need?

Students will need **masks**. Disposable masks will be made available if needed. We will be changing all of our drinking fountains to bottle-filling stations only. If your child has a **water bottle** that they would like to use at school, they are welcome to do so. Bottles will be provided to those in need. In addition, individual classroom teachers may send home a suggested supply list.

## Will my child be required to pass a health screener every day? Will the staff?

We will be sending home recommended **screening** details to each family. We need everyone to screen their child before sending them to school. Staff will be filling out a health screener every day.

## Can my student switch to the Hornets from Home virtual learning option?

Entrance and exit of the virtual learning option is allowed at the semester. If a student signs up for the *Hornets from Home* virtual option and wishes to switch to in person instruction, they can only do so at that time. The same is true for any student who starts the year with in person instruction and would wish to switch to the *Hornets from Home*.

## What happens if our district is moved to a different phase?

If Central Montcalm is in Phases 1-3, in-person instruction will no longer be allowed. We will be using a blended learning plan that will have on-line learning instruction provided by the teacher. If Central Montcalm is in Phases 4-6, learning will be in-person with safety precautions followed.

## What if a child refuses to wear a mask?

Without a medical reason provided, the act of not wearing a mask will be considered an act of defiance. We will continue to educate the child on the importance of the mask and contact parents to work together to solve the problem. If we cannot come to a solution, a student may be placed in a virtual learning program.

## What about breakfast and lunch?

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided free of charge during the 2020-2021 school year. Students will be eating in their classroom and will be supervised by paraprofessionals.

## What will happen if my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, someone in their class is diagnosed or a staff member is diagnosed?

Our school will reach out to the Mid-Michigan Health Department for guidance on how to handle any possible COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure.