



December 22, 2020

Dear Minnewaska Families and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the Minnewaska Area School District's long range planning and to ensure you are aware of any upcoming changes. In previous letters we have communicated we may need to change our Learning Scenario from time to time and again, that time has arrived. The MAS Command Team and the MAS School Board met Monday, December 21 and approved the plans shown below. The shift from Distance Learning to Hybrid Learning for 7th-12th grades has been reviewed and authorized by the Minnesota Department of Education

Kindergarten-6th grades--There will be NO CHANGE in our current IN PERSON Learning Scenario.

- The Governor's Executive Order requires several K-12 COVID planning days for teachers. Please review the **attached revised calendar** to find **three additional dates there will be NO SCHOOL for K-12 students (January 11, April 19 and May 10)**. *MAS will provide Child Care services on those days at no cost to families needing to use those services.*
- We feel very fortunate to have had our K-6 grade students IN PERSON Learning Scenario since the beginning of the school year. There are two primary reasons we have been able to remain IN PERSON.
 - First, our K-6 staff members have remained healthy enough to allow us to provide K-6 education every day since September 1.
 - Second, even though we are being informed vaccines will soon become available to us, please don't let your guard down. To remain IN PERSON, it is paramount our staff remain healthy and the three simple steps--masks, washing hands and social distancing--continue to be followed. Again, doing these things should allow us to remain IN PERSON

MAS 7th-12th grades--January 4th-15th-- There will be NO CHANGE in the 7th-12th grade DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE.

- *However, the middle school and high school principals will be calling individual 7-12 grade students who are currently not meeting academic standards (those students who are behind or at risk of failing) asking them to attend school IN PERSON during this time period (Jan. 4-15) to work with their teachers to get caught up on work that is needed to meet the academic standards allowing us to award academic credit.*

MAS 7th-12th grades--Beginning Wednesday, January 20th until further notice, will transition from DISTANCE LEARNING to HYBRID LEARNING.

Monday, January 18	-- No school for any students or staff (Martin Luther King Day)
Tuesday, January 19	-- No school for any students--Staff Workday
Wednesday, January 20	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "A" Day for 7th-12th graders;
Thursday, January 21	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "B" Day for 7th-12th graders
Friday, January 22	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "A" Day for 7th-12th graders
Monday, January 25	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "B" Day for 7th-12th graders
Tuesday, January 26	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "A" Day for 7th-12th graders;
Wednesday, January 27	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "B" Day for 7th-12th graders
Thursday, January 28	-- All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "A" Day for 7th-12th graders
Friday, January 29	--All K-6 graders in attendance and Hybrid- "B" Day for 7th-12th graders

Please know we will be following up with specific details of these proposed changes as the dates draw closer. Watch for extra curricular activity schedule announcements in future notices as well.

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Education and the entire MAS School District, to thank you for the support you have provided our schools and staff. Happiest Holidays! Stay safe!

Respectfully,

Rick Ellingworth, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Minnewaska Public Schools 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Adopted: 2-24-2020
Approved Revision: 10-19-2020
Approved Revision: 11-16-2020
Draft Revision: 12-21-2020

AUGUST

AUGUST '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

11 Inservice Flex Day
17 New Employee Inservice
24 Inservice Flex Day
25-27 Teacher Inservice
25 9-12 Open House 3:30-7:30PM
26 K-8 Open House 3:30-7:30PM

T = 5.5
S = 0

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1 First Student Day K-12
7 No School - Labor Day
21 No School - Teacher Inservice

T = 21
S = 21

OCTOBER

OCTOBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

15-16 No School - Fall Break
19 No School - Teacher Inservice
20 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30PM
22 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30PM

T = 21
S = 19

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

5 End Quarter 1
6 No School - Teacher Inservice
9 No School - Inservice Flex Day
20 Distance Learning 7-12
26-27 No School - Thanksgiving

T = 18
S = 17

DECEMBER

DECEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

11 Distance Learning 7-12
24-31 No School - Winter Break

T = 17
S = 17

JANUARY

JANUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1-2 No School - Winter Break
11 No School-COVID Transition Day
15 End Quarter 2
18 No School
19 No School-Staff Workday

T = 19
S = 18

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

1 Distance Learning 7-12
12 No School -Staff Workday
15 No School - Presidents' Day
23 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30PM
25 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30PM

T = 20
S = 18

MARCH

MARCH '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

8 Distance Learning 7-12
18 End Quarter 3
19 No School Staff Workday (½ day)
22-23 No School - Spring Break

T = 20.5
S = 20

APRIL

APRIL '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2 No School
5 No School
19 No School-COVID Transition Day

T = 20
S = 20

MAY

MAY '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

10 No School-COVID Transition Day
27 Student Last Day
28 Graduation & Workshop Day
28 Teacher Last Day

T = 20
S = 19

JUNE

JUNE '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Up to 5 E-Learning Days may be used
Emergency closing make-up days to be added at end of year, if necessary

**Flex Days August 4 or November 9
August 11 or August 24

	Student Days	Teacher Days
Quarter 1	46	50.5
Quarter 2	38	41
Quarter 3	40	42
Quarter 4	45	46.5
Conferences	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	169	182