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Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Traditional and Digital Visual Art, Creative Writing, and Acting are a part of every student's schedule – ART EVERY DAY. Our extensive arts program is integrated into our solid academic curriculum. The Arts Academy in the Woods is chartered by the Macomb Intermediate School District's Board of Education

Answers to frequently asked questions

What is the plan for this fall?

EDIT: On August 13, 2020, our Board of Directors approved a plan to open with full online instruction for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year. The Board will review this plan at least two weeks before the beginning of each quarter.

According to the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap there are three scenarios for school opening in fall 2020:

- A. Schools open for in-person instruction with minimal required safety protocols (MI Safe Start Phase 6). Schools open for in-person instruction with moderate required safety protocols (MI Safe Start Phase 5). We will likely have face to face instruction schoolwide in Phases 5 and 6
- B. Schools open for in-person instruction with more stringent required safety protocols (MI Safe Start Phase 4). We will likely have hybrid face to face and online instruction schoolwide in Phase 4
- C. Schools do not open for in-person instruction and instruction is provided remotely (MI Safe Start Phases 1-3). We will definitely have full online instruction schoolwide in Phases 1 – 3

These plans must be approved by our Board of Directors. They will be deciding our first quarter reopening status on 08/13/2020.

We want to assure all of our families that **we will have an online only option for anyone who chooses it** regardless of our schoolwide reopening plan. If a family selects the online only option, we expect that there will be an opportunity to revisit that choice before each marking period begins, but the student will have to choose for the entire day and the entire quarter. There will be a survey for signing up for the online only option by early in the week of August 17.



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When will we receive our schedules?

The administration has been working to create new schedules that will align with all of our new scheduling options. We have built a modified block schedule that works well for every re-opening scenario. We expect to open up Unified Classroom for families and teachers to preview student schedules by the end of next week.

What is being done with the classrooms and school to make it safe for us to return?

Everyone entering the building will be required to wear a mask and wash/disinfect their hands. We have installed hand sanitizing stations throughout the building. We have ordered reusable cloth (see the picture) and disposable facemasks for every student and staff member. Individuals can choose to wear their own, but they do have to wear one.



Size: 7.3 x 4.8 inch
MSK2LK - 2 layer

All areas of the school have been thoroughly cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected over the summer.

We have worked on our heating and cooling systems to ensure safe, effective ventilation in all areas.

We will implement plans for social distancing during hybrid instruction. (Fewer than 14 kids per classroom; one way traffic in the hallways; different doors for entrance and exit; additional seating for fewer kids during lunches, etc.)

Is there any change in the staff this year and is there anyone replacing them?

We have had a few teachers leave the Academy, but have been very lucky to find great new teachers for every current vacancy. Ms. Stanley and Mrs. Guilmette have both accepted new positions. We have also added an additional Middle School Teacher and an Additional Special Education teacher to the staff.



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How will we do new student orientation this year?

We are planning for a virtual orientation this year. We will be sharing details after our Board level decisions this week.

We are also hoping to do a schoolwide picture day scheduled in small groups before school starts, but those plans details are dependent on how we start the school year and we will know more by the week of August 17.