



Hornet Parent Update: July 21, 2020

Virtual Learning Academy

The virtual learning experience for the 2020-2021 school year will be very different from the remote learning model offered in the spring. Monroe will have a centralized learning platform called SchoolsPLP. Details are shared in this email.

Mandatory orientations sessions held: July 27, 2020
Deadline for enrollment: July 31, 2020

Video of the Week

This week, we highlight some of the new cleaning and maintenance protocols for transportation, the classrooms, and food service for the new school year.



Hybrid Model

In the case that state or local authorities determine we require additional social distancing, Monroe will shift to a Hybrid Model to reduce number of students in the building while providing a combination of in-person and online learning. This model is outlined in detail in our operating plan linked below.

Questions and Answers

See link below to the recording of the YouTube Live Q&A held on July 16.

Questions submitted for the YouTube Q&A will be answered in FAQ to be shared on July 27.

Next YouTube Live Q&A - August 18, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Masks

All staff and students (Preschool through 12th grade) will be required to wear masks for all in-person options based on the current Butler County Health recommendations and the county warning level for COVID cases. There will be a process for students that may have health issues or other concerns with wearing masks. The process will be through the building nurse.

- The process and forms will be available prior to the start of school.
- Face shields and other measures to be approved through this process.
- The district will work with health care professionals and the Butler County Health Department in making determinations and adjustments to the policy as needed.

Video of the Week

[Click here to view our video](#) on new health and safety protocols in the buildings, transportation, and food service.

Questions and Answers

- [Click here to watch a recording of the YouTube Live Q&A held on July 16.](#)
- Questions submitted for the YouTube Live Q&A will be answered in an FAQ in the parent communication to be sent out on July 27.
- Next YouTube Live Q&A August 18, from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Parent Portal

Monroe parents can now create accounts in our new OneView parent portal. We have moved the OneView link on our website from the Enrollment tab to [“Annual Forms.”](#) On this page, we have listed directions to set

up your account. Some parents are following the directions for enrolling a new student. When creating your account, please select “A Returning Student” to complete your annual forms. Only select “New to District” if your student was withdrawn from Monroe Local Schools to another district but you wish to re-enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. The district is asking that all parents complete these online forms by **August 10, 2020**.

Virtual Learning Academy

In the fall, Monroe parents have the option to send their children in person or enroll in our Virtual Learning Academy. The virtual learning experience for the 2020-2021 school year will be very different from the remote learning model offered in the spring. During the 2020-2021 school year, Monroe will have a centralized learning platform called SchoolsPLP. The content in the program is rigorous and aligned to Ohio state standards.

We have named Monroe Junior High teacher Tammy Larison as the Virtual Learning Coordinator and additional teachers will be supporting our virtual learners. Students will be assigned to a teacher who will help to facilitate their learning and keep them on pace. The teachers assigned to the virtual learning course will be required to interact with students on a regular basis in order to provide instruction and guidance in the student learning process.

Mandatory Orientation for Virtual Learning Academy - 7/27

Monroe’s virtual learning program will be explained in depth at parent orientation sessions held on Monday, July 27. There will be time slots available at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. The orientation sessions will be held via Zoom. Attendance at one of these orientation sessions is mandatory for parents who are interested in enrolling their child in the virtual learning academy.

Links to Join Virtual Learning Academy

Time slots available on Monday, July 27:

Click here to join the [9 a.m. time slot](#).

Click here to join the [1 p.m. time slot](#).

Click here to join the [5 p.m. time slot](#).

Click here to join the [7:30 p.m. slot](#).

Enrollment in Virtual Learning Academy - Deadline 7/31

Enrollment in Monroe’s Virtual Learning Academy will begin immediately after the mandatory Zoom orientation meeting on Monday, July 27. The online enrollment forms will be shared after the parent orientation and must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 31. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must commit to ONE full semester of virtual learning. Prior to the end of the first semester, parents must decide if they want their child to continue with virtual learning or return to in-person classes for the second semester. The virtual learning contract must be renewed prior to the start of the next semester.

Hybrid Model

In the case that state or local authorities determine we require additional social distancing, Monroe Local Schools will shift to a Hybrid Model. This model will allow for a reduced number of students in the building, on buses, and in the cafeteria while providing a combination of in-person and online learning. All students will be in-person two days a week. When at home, students will work on online assignments and tasks assigned during the in-person days. The following schedule will be utilized:

- Monday & Tuesday: Families with students' last name ending in A-K will attend in person at school (Remote Wednesday-Friday)
- Wednesday: All buildings will be disinfected prior to the Thursday/Friday group attending in person. All students will attend remotely and teachers will be available during office hours.
- Thursday & Friday: Families with students' last name ending in L-Z will attend in person at school. (Remote Monday-Wednesday)

Details of the Hybrid Model has been updated in our Google doc:

[2020-2021 MLS School Reopening/Operating Plans](#)

Important Dates

July 27	Virtual Learning Academy Orientation (9 a.m., 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.)
July 31	Deadline for parents to enroll in first-semester Virtual Learning Academy
August 10	Deadline for parents to update student forms online via OneView
August 17-21	MLS Staff Professional Development Week
August 24	First day of school

Thank you to everyone who participated in our YouTube Live session. We will continue to share the latest news and information from our Restart/Reopen plan in our weekly communication as we work together to safely reopen for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Kathy Demers
Superintendent