



RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS

July 28, 2020

As was promised, the state has published a number of documents that provide details on the expectations and protocols for re-opening our schools in the fall. Please know that we have been working to gain a full understanding of the guidance from the state: the Governor's Executive Order 2020-142, the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, and the corresponding Michigan's Safe Start Plan.

Although things are complicated, and there is a great deal of uncertainty, we are all looking forward to students returning to school. However, we want all parents to know that we will be prepared to offer three instructional options to our students. Because different families will have different needs and preferences, we will provide [1] face to face, in person instruction, [2] blended/hybrid combination of in person and live-streamed virtual instruction, and [3] fully virtual, online instruction.

We are currently tasked with putting together the specifics for each type of instruction, in line with the state's "6-Phase Approach" to re-opening.

Phase 1-3: School grounds are closed. No in-person instruction. Distance learning only.

Phase 4: In-person is permissible, with **high** degree of safety/sanitization protocols.

Phase 5: In-person is permissible with **moderate** safety protocol.

Phase 6: In-person is permissible with **minimal** safety restrictions.

We are planning to offer all three instructional options, to the extent allowable, under each of the phases. In order to assist us in planning, we are asking that every family complete a [survey](#), once for each student. This information will be essential as we look to redeploy our resources to best meet the specific needs of each family.

Please contact me directly with specific questions or concerns: jkulbertis@rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

Sincerely,

Jay Kulbertis

Dr. Jay Kulbertis, Superintendent

THREE LEARNING MODELS

The Rapid River School District is committed to providing robust, accountable instruction that is individualized for each student. We must also be prepared to switch fluidly from one model to another as coronavirus conditions improve or worsen.

Rapid River Public Schools will be offering newly designed online and blended learning options for families who choose one of these options regardless of what model is implemented districtwide

Online

- Students participate in a newly-designed completely online program at home.
- Online classes will be taught by Rapid River School's teachers using our curriculum.
- This model will be an enhanced, accountable, robust learning plan to successfully educate and support each student.



Blended

- Students take some classes online and some classes in person on a schedule that will be determined by both the student/family and leaders from Rapid River.
- Blended classes will be taught by Rapid River Public Schools teachers using our curriculum.



In-Person

- Students meet in-person for instruction following MI Safe School Roadmap guidelines.
- Similar to how school has always operated, but with enhanced safety measures and heightened student health monitoring.
- Will include required and locally developed safety protocols designed to keep students, families, and staff as safe as possible from the effects of the global pandemic.





On June 30, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued her Executive Order 2020-142 and shared MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap. This Roadmap is aligned with Michigan's Safe Start Plan, using the "six-phase approach" as a basis for re-opening schools. The Roadmap provides guidance for schools on what is required, strongly recommended, and recommended in the various phases as they work on reopening plans for each district in response to the global coronavirus pandemic. The following summarizes the difference in Michigan's requirements related to each of the six MI Safe Start phases:

Phase 1-3

Online instruction only.
No in-person instruction.
School grounds are closed.

Phase 4

In-person instruction is permissible. In-person programs at school utilize high levels of safety protocols.

Phase 5

In-person instruction is permissible, with moderate levels of safety protocols. Various protocols and personal protection equipment continue to be utilized.

Phase 6

Full time, in-person instruction resumes, with minimal to zero restrictions.

EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY PREFERENCE

We are asking for your family's educational preference after you familiarize with the requirements and recommendations outlined in the Return to School Roadmap. From your feedback, the Rapid River school team will continue to develop the specific plans for each of our three learning models. We appreciate your participation in telling us what you need for Fall 2020.

Please complete this survey once for each of your students no later than Aug. 5, 2020.

[SURVEY LINK](#)