South Lake Schools – Proposed Reopening Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will all elementary students be with new teachers as part of the proposed reconfiguration?
A: No. Teachers will move to, or stay at, the appropriate building based on the grade level they teach. Class assignments will be determined by the building principal.

Q: Will students in the South Lake Digital Academy be taught by South Lake teachers?
A: Yes. South Lake teachers will deliver all instruction to student enrolled in the South Lake Digital Academy.

Q: For parents who want to consider the virtual option, is there a waitlist?
A: No. Elementary parents/guardians may complete a registration form through August 28, 2020. Students in grades 6 -12 may petition to go completely online by contacting the building principal.

Q: Will online sessions be recorded for students to watch at a later time?
A: The District will allow some flexibility in certain circumstances (i.e., South Lake Digital Academy, quarantine, and other situations based on individual needs) for students to access instruction outside of the regularly scheduled school day. State requirements cause the district to take attendance, so students must attend live streamed virtual instruction.

Q: Why isn’t the hybrid option available to elementary students?
A: The Reopening Committee determined that face-to-face instruction, with the option for parents to choose enrollment in the South Lake Digital Academy, was the best option to meet students’ instructional and safety needs.

Q: If a parent/guardian wants to move the student(s) to face-to-face instruction after the first semester, will they have that option?
A: Yes. Parents/guardians may petition the District for their child to return to daily face-to-face instruction for the second semester. Approval will be dependent on the ability to maintain a safe environment in our classrooms.

Q: If families would prefer the online option but cannot afford internet service at home, how could they connect?
A: South Lake Schools will provide families in this situation a hot spot to assist with connectivity. If families need assistance with connectivity, please contact the Curriculum Office at (586) 435-1640.

Q: Will students enrolled in the virtual platform receive meals?
A: Yes. The logistics regarding distribution is being planned and additional information is forthcoming.

Q: Are students able to use their own technology to access instruction?
A: Yes. Every South Lake student will receive an iPad with a keyboard case, but students may also use a personal device to access instruction.

Q: How will children receive Special Education services and where will programs be housed?
A: Age appropriate Special Education services/programs (Speech, Social Work, Psychologist, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, etc.) will be available to all special education students according to the student’s individual educational plan/contingency plans. Elementary programs will include Mildly Cognitively Impaired classrooms.

Q: Will families be notified if a student tests positive for COVID-19?
A: Yes. South Lake Schools will follow COVID-19 guidance from the Macomb County Health Department regarding all issues related to COVID-19. The Macomb County Health Department guidance can be found HERE.

Q: If the elementary buildings are reconfigured, will this change be permanent?
A: The Board of Education maintains its right to modify the configuration of the District’s schools upon a majority vote.

Q: Will secondary students be in one classroom all day?
A: No. Students will transition from class to class according to their schedule.

Q: Will latchkey be available?
A: Yes. Latchkey services will be available at both Avalon Elementary and Elmwood Elementary. Transportation services between buildings may allow for siblings and members of the same household to attend at the same building.

Q: What are the current requirements for cleaning the school buildings?
A:
- Frequently touched surfaces including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, must undergo cleaning at least every four hours with either an
**EPA-approved disinfectant** or diluted bleach solution.

- Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands-on classrooms must undergo cleaning after every class period with either an **EPA-approved disinfectant** or diluted bleach solution.
- Student desks must be wiped down with either an **EPA-approved disinfectant** or diluted bleach solution after every class period.
- Playground structures must continue to undergo normal routine cleaning, but using an **EPA-approved disinfectant** is unnecessary.

Q: How will students enter and exit each of the school buildings?
A: Students will be assigned a specific door to enter and exit each school building.

Q: If the elementary buildings are reconfigured, what will happen to the Parent Organizations in each building?
A: Avalon Elementary and Elmwood Elementary would maintain their current Parent Organizations. Koepsell Elementary would no longer maintain a Family Council.

Q: What will a typical classroom look like?
A: A typical classroom will have desks/tables arranged in rows facing the front of the classroom that maintains a safe distance between students as required by the MI 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap.

Q: What will lunch look like for elementary and secondary students?
A: Elementary students will eat in their classrooms. Secondary students will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing protocols made possible due to the hybrid schedule.

Q: How frequently are air filters changed in the school buildings?
A: All HVAC filters are changed on a quarterly schedule with new filters currently in place for the start of the school year. All HVAC units meet fresh air requirements as determined by ASHRAE standards at the time of installation.