



Montgomery Public Schools Reopening FAQ 2020-2021

As MPS works to reopen our school doors for the 2020-2021 school year, we wanted to provide our community with a few frequently asked questions and answers. We'll continue to provide our families with information through each school's website. This document is intended to be used as a guide to understanding the learning options for MPS students.

- 1. Will MPS provide technological devices for online learning?** Every MPS student will be issued an MPS laptop. Parents will not be charged a technology fee.
- 2. I do not have internet access. How will my student connect to the internet?** MPS will work with families to provide internet access. Parents will receive internet access information from their child's school a week before school begins.
- 3. Will breakfast and lunch still be provided to students?** Yes, all MPS students will receive breakfast and lunch. Details are available at www.EngageEducateInspire.org.
- 4. What platform is MPS using for virtual learning?** Per the Alabama State Department of Education, each school system will utilize Schoology as its learning management system.
- 5. Will students be able to participate in sports or any other extracurricular activities?** Yes, all MPS students will be able to participate in sports and extracurricular activities.
- 6. Will virtual lessons be taught by teachers at the school where my child is enrolled?** Yes, teachers from the school where your child is enrolled will be teaching the lessons.

7. **What help is available for those students with IEPs and 504s?** MPS families with IEPs and 504s will receive services based on the student's individual plan.
8. **Will pre-K also be virtual?** Yes, all MPS students will start off the year learning virtually.
9. **Will teachers and students be able to keep in touch with guidance counselors?** Yes, all MPS guidance counselors will have set office hours to accommodate students.
10. **Will students be required to wear MPS uniforms?** Although uniforms are not required for virtual students, all students must adhere to a proper dress code. Please see the 2020-2021 Student Conduct Manual.
11. **Will teachers/MPS staff have a set time to respond to emails?** All MPS employees have a 48-hour window to respond to emails.
12. **For students who plan to return to school after the first nine weeks, how will that transition work?** A form will be sent home with students before the end of the first nine weeks for families to fill out if they choose face-to-face learning for the second nine weeks.
13. **How will attendance work for dual enrollment students?** Schools will work with these students on the best way to handle their situations.
14. **Will before and after child care be available?** No. Schools will not be open to students.
15. **How will students be graded?** MPS will use Grading Promotion and Retention (GPR) as outlined in the manual.

