



## *2020-2021 School Year Plan*

Montessori Renaissance Academy will be learning fully in-person for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins on Tuesday, September 8th.

Our plan includes ways to keep students and staff members safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ensures that everyone can practice safety measures, such as frequent hand washing and social distancing.

The administration will continually monitor all COVID-19 related information and is prepared to be flexible and are ready to make modifications throughout the duration of the pandemic.

Here is an overview of what students, staff, and parents can expect when school begins September 8th.

### **PHYSICAL SAFETY**

Face masks are required to be worn by all adults entering our facility. We are flexible and willing to work with individuals who may need exceptions. Please read our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: Face Covering Policy for more details. A waiver will be presented to families upon arrival to acknowledge they have received, read, and understood our policy.

Please make sure that you and your children are sanitizing your hands upon entry of our facility. We have a touchless dispenser attached to the door frame as well as a pump dispenser on the table.

Contactless sign in/out is available through the Sandbox Parent App. Those who use the touchscreen are required to sanitize before and after touching the screen.

The children will be socially distanced to the best of our ability. Each child will have dedicated spaces for work, snack, and lunch. After each meal or snack we have a three-step system used to fully clean and sanitize the area.

We will be limiting student gatherings in the hallways by staggering recess and lunch times. We will also have line spacers on the floor for physical distancing and be making modifications to streamline traffic flow to allow for social distancing.

Students will remain with their "cohorts" while in classrooms, lunch, recess, and after school.

At this time, we are asking parents not enter into any rooms during drop off or pickup. Please remain on the blue carpet in the main hallway. When you are picking up from the playground, you may go outside, but we do ask that you expedite your pickup.

## **CLEANING**

Cleaning and sanitizing is a top priority and will be done multiple times a day.

MRA staff are ensuring that common surfaces, such as lockers and door handles, are being cleaned and disinfected regularly. The use of common areas will be staggered to allow for additional cleaning and sanitization.

We have a professional cleaner who will be sterilizing the entire building 7' and below using an electro static process, which is the same cleaning process used in hospitals.

## **CLASSROOMS AND CLASS SIZES**

During this time, we will be limiting the number of students in each space. Each of our rooms are licensed for a certain number of students. We are exempt from new social distancing procedures and are able to continue to allow the maximum number of students in each room. However, we do not believe that that is the best way to keep the MRA community safe and healthy, so we are applying new guidelines and lower maximums.

Once a viable solution for the pandemic is found, we will return back to the original numbers that we are licensed to.

### **Toddlers (16 months - 32 months)**

The toddler program will be led by Miss Jamie. It will continue to be held in the same classroom with a maximum number of 14 toddlers.

### **Children's House (33 months - Kindergarten)**

Miss Karla's class will be split into two rooms with each having a maximum of 15 students. Her classrooms will be her room and the middle room.

Miss Tanya's class will be split into two rooms with each having a maximum of 15 students. Her classrooms will be her room and the library.

Miss Olga's class will be split into two rooms with each having a maximum of 10 students. Her classrooms will be her room and the latchkey room.

### **E1 (1st - 3rd grade)**

E1 will be taught by Miss Jaclyn. E1 will be split into two rooms. Her rooms will be E1 and E2. Each room will have a maximum of 15 students.

### **E2 (4th - 7th grade)**

E2 will be taught by Miss Anna. E2 will be held in the middle school room with a maximum of 15 students.

## **HEALTH CHECKS**

We encourage daily self-health checks prior to leaving your home and for anyone with any symptoms of COVID-19 to remain home.

We will be doing temperature checks as you enter the building. Anyone with a temperature of 100.0 or above will not be allowed entrance to our building. Random temperature checks will be done throughout the day. If a student or staff has a temperature of 100.0 or above, they will be sent home.

## **TESTING**

If you or a family member is being tested for COVID-19, please notify the administration and keep us updated as testing is being done. You may be asked to not enter our facility until the results of the tests are in.

If you or a member of your family member thinks they may have COVID-19, please notify the administration and keep us updated. You may be asked to not enter our facility until the results of the tests are in.

## **PLANNED RESPONSE TO A POSITIVE CASE**

The school will closely monitor the rate of students being absent and collect more information from parents regarding an absent student.

Should a positive case be identified within our school, MRA will be notified as such by the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC with additional instruction and guidelines as to how to proceed. We will then notify parents, employ contact tracing, if possible, and will have quarantine guidelines for students, staff, and others that test positive.

Staff has been trained on confidentiality and privacy requirements, according to the plan.

## **KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH MRA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

We will be sending out policy updates as this pandemic continues to unfold. Please add [info@anokamontessori.org](mailto:info@anokamontessori.org) to your email contacts so that it is less likely for our emails to be sent to your spam or junk folder. Additionally, please be sure to check your spam or junk folder regularly in case our emails do end up there.

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