



LAMPHERE SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last night, the Lamphere Board of Education voted in favor of return to in-person learning beginning on November 4th. We are excited to, once again, have our classrooms filled with the joyful noise of children learning!

Lamphere will be offering three learning options for our Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade students at the elementary level. **In order to maintain consistency for our students and staff, we are expecting that you commit to the learning option that works best for your family for the first semester.** We understand that this is a lengthy commitment and appreciate your cooperation in helping to navigate this situation in the safest and most consistent way possible for everyone involved.

We will continue to use the guidance of the Oakland County Health Department along with the information from the State of Michigan. We will consider requests to change from in-person to remote or virtual, based on health concerns for the student or their family, but not from remote or virtual to in-person.

After reviewing the three learning options detailed below, **please complete this [Elementary Learning Selection Form](#) by October 19, 2020.**

Option #1: In-Person Instruction

- Students will receive the traditional in-person education for most of the day. We will be providing asynchronous learning opportunities for our specials.
- Students will be in the school buildings 5 days a week.
- The school hours will be 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m.

- The Lamphere elementary schools will phase in students. This will allow all schools to provide students the support that they need during their transition back to the buildings. The phase in plan will occur according to the schedule below:
 - Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade students will return to buildings on Wednesday, November 4th.
 - Third Grade, Fourth Grade, and Fifth Grade students will return to buildings on Monday, November 9th.
- Students will be cohorted with their classroom peers. Each class will remain together, and the mixing of student groups will be eliminated to the greatest extent possible.
- Students will be required to wear a mask, except when eating and while outdoors at recess.
- In order to maintain the lowest class sizes possible, classroom assignments may change due to the number of students returning to in-person learning.

Family Commitment:

- All students attending in-person will need a completed Oakland County Health Department [CV19 School Health Screening Agreement & Checklist - Student](#) on file before returning to school.
- As the Health Screening Contract specifies, to prevent the spread of illness, parents and families must screen for symptoms of illness before sending their student(s) to school each day.
- Any child(ren) acting or feeling unwell should remain at home for the day and not report to the school building.
- Any child that exhibits symptoms of illness will be sent home due to precautionary reasons.

Arrival/Dismissal

- Due to State of Michigan requirements, every student and staff member must wear a face mask when entering the building. Masks must cover the nose and fit tightly under the chin (no gaiters, handkerchiefs or bandanas).
- Families must maintain proper social distancing outside of the building during arrival and dismissal. This means that all students will be expected to remain in their vehicles or alongside their parents/guardians for as long as possible prior to the start of the school day (8:30 a.m.).
- Each school administration will share the arrival and dismissal process for their building as the date for in-person learning to resume approaches.

Classrooms and Hallways

- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, and throughout the buildings, for students and staff.

- Handwashing will be built into the daily schedule.
- Classrooms will be set up to accommodate desks/tables in traditional rows facing one direction. Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
- Custodians, paraprofessionals and staff will be continually disinfecting high touch areas such as light switches and doorknobs.
- Disinfecting wipes will be available in classrooms.
- Desks will be cleaned by students and staff regularly throughout the day.
- Signage will be posted for mask wearing and COVID-19 symptoms.
- Principals and staff will verify student mask use. Masks will be available for students who do not have them. All students and staff are required to wear a mask at all times.
- Signage and floor markings will direct students to follow directional traffic in hallways.
- Signage will be posted to indicate proper social distancing. Congregating will be prohibited.

Lunch & Recess

- Students will eat lunch and participate in recess with their cohort and will not combine with other cohorts.
- Face masks are not required while outdoors. During this time, social distancing will be encouraged.
- Hands will be sanitized before and after recess.

Specials

- Specials will be provided through asynchronous learning in Google Classroom. Asynchronous refers to content that is available online and does not contain real-time interaction. This will eliminate staff and students from exposure to large numbers of students in multiple buildings.
- Students may complete assignments during the 2:30-3:30 p.m. block or during the most convenient time for their family.

Visitors

- Visitors to school facilities will be restricted to essential personnel, unless there is a reason for their attendance (e.g. picking up a sick student).
 - All visitors must complete a self-screening questionnaire prior to entering the building.
 - Visitors who are permitted entry must wear a mask and remain in a designated area.
 - Each school/facility will have a drop-off space for student items arriving after the school day has begun.
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Option #2: Lamphere Remote Instruction

- Students participate in a daily remote schedule with live teaching 5 days a week.
- Lamphere Teachers will be teaching remote students across the district.
 - Each remote class will contain students from all 4 elementary schools.
 - Students that choose the remote option may not be assigned to the teacher that they had during the first quarter of the school year.
- Students will receive the Lamphere curriculum that mirrors the curriculum being used for the in-person instruction option.

Family Commitment:

- Students must commit to attend all instructional blocks, which means that they are expected to be a part of each Zoom session held.
- Students must complete and submit all assigned work.
- Students and parents must stay in communication with the teacher about academic and social emotional progress/concerns.
- Students must maintain academic integrity while working remotely.
- Students must exhibit proper netiquette, while learning in an online format.

Specials

- All students will receive a daily live Rise and Shine Gym Class via Zoom and asynchronous specials in their Google Classroom. Asynchronous refers to content that is available online and does not contain real-time interaction.

Option #3: Lamphere Virtual Instruction

- Students K-5 will be enrolled in Edmentum, a fully accredited, self-paced virtual offering.
- This option can be accessed at any time to fit families' schedules and will have very limited interaction between Lamphere teachers and students.
- A Virtual Coordinator and Mentor Teacher will be assigned to monitor student progress and assist with learning needs.

Family Commitment:

- Students must commit to attend all sessions scheduled with their designated Mentor Teacher.

- Students must complete and submit all assigned work.
- Students and parents must stay in communication with the Virtual Coordinator about academic and social emotional progress/concerns.
- Students must maintain academic integrity while working remotely.
- Students must exhibit proper netiquette, while learning in an online format.

All families must complete this [Elementary Learning Selection Form](#) by October 19, 2020.

Our teachers have been working tirelessly to provide the very best learning experience for your child. This will remain true regardless of what learning option you choose. We thank you for your continued support and are grateful for the immense amount of effort you have given to assist in your child's education this year.

Sincerely,

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