

Norwayne Middle School FAQ's

Here are answers to IN SCHOOL frequently asked questions.

Will students rotate between classrooms or will they stay put with teachers rotating classrooms? **Students will rotate and follow their schedules**

Will the students be assigned seats in their classes, and at lunch? Yes, **students will have an assigned seat for every class and at lunch**

If social distancing can't be maintained in the classroom due to lack of space, will the students have to wear masks at their desks? **If distancing guidelines can't be achieved then students will need to wear a face covering or we will have dividers in place to achieve the guidelines**

What are the rules for using the restroom? Lockers? Recess? **In the restrooms, only the posted number of students will be allowed in at any given time. While at lockers if distancing can't be maintained students will need to wear a mask, If we have outdoor recess kids can participate in activities where social distancing can be maintained such as walking on the track. During indoor recess we will limit the number of students in the facility to maintain social distancing.**

What will arrival and dismissal procedures be? **As students arrive they will report directly to 1st-period class so we avoid large group gatherings. We will stagger dismissal times to avoid large groups exiting at the same time.**

If the whole school gets closed as it did last March, will all the students move to the online programs (APEX/Odysseyware/Edgenuity) or to Google classrooms/Zoom? **Depending on timing, more than likely, all of the above would be utilized. Since Edgenuity is new to us and the entire staff has yet to work with it, should the shutdown occur early in the year, we would rely on a mix of the options. However, should the shutdown occur more towards winter, we could use Edgenuity so that everyone would be on the same system. But we still may need Google classroom if parents want their children to have Music, PE, and Art.**

Parents are supposed to check their kids' temperature each morning. Some other schools are also checking during 1st period – is this something Norwayne would consider? **We are considering it.**

What happens if my child gets a fever or cough while at school? **They will be isolated away from other students in our office area where we have established a room for this. Parents will be notified and they will need to pick up their child**

What happens when there is a case of covid in a student, bus driver, or teacher? **We will follow the Wayne County Health Department protocol.**

Will we be informed of cases in the classroom and in the school? **We will follow the Wayne County Health Department protocol.**

After a positive case, when are they allowed to return to school? **We will follow the Wayne County Health Department protocol.**

If the student has to miss several days/weeks of school, will it be difficult to catch up? **Whatever the reason and for however long a student needs to miss, staff will be posting classwork daily in Google classroom so students will be able to stay engaged with school.**

Are there guidelines for how many total students are to be on the bus and/or number of students to bus seats? **Yes, we are only putting 2 students per seat. Our goal will be 1 per seat but it will depend on the number of students who are on that route and choose to ride.**

Will teachers be monitoring to ensure children are wearing their face masks? **Yes**

Will transition times in between classes be adjusted so fewer students will be in the hallway at a time? **Yes**

Will lunches be altered so that fewer children are required to eat at the same time? **Yes, we will utilize both the cafeteria and several classrooms to achieve social distancing guidelines.**

Will students have their traditional specials, music, art, and gym? **Yes**

Is the district considering moving back the August 20th start date? **Yes, we are in discussion about moving the date to possibly August 24th to allow staff a full week to receive training and prepare for blended learning.**

Here are answers to ONLINE frequently asked questions.

Will middle school students use Edgenuity? **Yes**

Where can I get more information about the online classes and a better idea of how they work? <https://www.edgenuity.com/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAbtu21dn9Q>

Will my children be assigned a teacher at Norwayne or will they only have remote teachers? **We will assign a staff member to monitor and assist online students. Depending on the number of online students will determine how many staff we have doing that and if we will have one for every grade level.**

How will parents be kept informed throughout the year? Will we get weekly/monthly info from Norwayne? From Edgenuity? **Both will keep parents informed.**

Edgenuity has a pacing and grading component so parents can stay informed daily if they choose. Our staff will contact parents if students are falling behind or struggling with grades. Also we will still communicate any information to parents that NMS sends home with those attending school.

The letter sent home states my children must meet grade level attendance and seat time expectations as outlined for their grade level. What are these expectations? **The expectation would be that students keep up with given coursework and receive a passing grade just like they were in school. For an attendance example, if a student only completes 50% of the coursework then they will be counted as absent 50% of the days we are in session. Our online program representative has told us parents should expect the following.** *The amount of time spent on a lesson will depend on the age of the student. For younger students they recommend between 30-45 minutes per core subject area, while older students 45-60 minutes per subject area.*

Is there a list of supplies we need to purchase for remote classes? **There is not a list but the most obvious supply would be a computer. We as a district are working to get enough computers so that each student will have their own. We are considering asking parents to only purchase the warranty plan for \$25-\$30 which would replace the computer should it get broken.**

Will there be a cost associated for any of the online programs? **No, not for the courses we would schedule for your child. However, parents may wish to choose an Edgenuity course where Edgenuity has to provide a teacher for it. Those are stated in their course offerings on their website.**

What will remote learning look like if schools shut down? **In the event of a school shut down the only possible remote learning change may be that we will be able to offer more subject specific teachers to help students. Learning for remote students should continue as normal.**

How close is the curriculum of this program to the curriculum being taught at Norwayne? **Edgenuity uses the same Ohio Learning Standards that Norwayne uses to guide instruction.**

How important is it that all school work gets completed during school hours or can we work with our kids in the evening? **The program allows students and families the flexibility of choosing when to work on it.**