



July 24, 2020

Hello Parents,

Thank you for your extraordinary support over the past months, as we have worked together to protect our community during the growing Covid-19 pandemic. Academic Mastery Academy plan to reopen school in the fall with guidelines to keep students safe and protected from the spread of the virus.

Academic Mastery Academy will look different this fall than what our families and staff are accustomed to, but our focus remains the same: every student receives a high-quality education.

Our school's goal is to return to in-person instruction, and we will prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and their families first and foremost. However if conditions warranted it, we will transition to a remote or blended platform. The first day of school will be **August 24, 2020**.

We committed to providing every student with high-quality education and the opportunity to succeed regardless of which platforms are used to provide educational services. Academic Mastery Academy will follow the guidance of the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education when making decisions about what instruction in the fall will look like.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted the lives of students, teachers and families. Our school will continue to seek ways to help students, families and educators with social and emotional supports as they address issues such as grief, stress and missing social interactions.

The health and safety of students, families and educators are top of mind in all decisions made pertaining to the reopening of schools. All staff are required to be COVID-19 tested prior to starting the school year.

*What parents need to know:*

- Face coverings are required. Students may bring their face masks from home.
- Students and staff must stay six feet apart as much as possible. Please speak with your child about the importance of social distancing.
- No more than 50 people will be allowed in one space at a time. This includes the cafeteria and on any school bus.
- AMA will be conducting symptom screenings and temperature checks. Visitors will have their temperature checked and be asked to self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering the school. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home and will not be permitted in the building.
- AMA is increasing its cleaning and disinfection process. Hand sanitizer will be available in each of the classrooms. Students will be encouraged to engage in more frequent hand washing.
- Depending on conditions of the State and information from the Governor's office, AMA may have to provide educational services in a creative manner. This might include a full return to e-Learning or a combination of in-person learning with e-Learning on certain days.

As additional information becomes available you will be informed on how the school will proceed.

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