



Hello Parents,

As we prepare for the 2021 - 2022 school year we would like to thank you for your support during this past school year. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to change and adapt what we do in schools. We had to make adjustments to work with students in-person, while protecting them from the disease, while still being flexible enough to switch over to remote learning when necessary.

Academic Mastery Academy plans to reopen school in the fall with guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to keep students safe and protected from the spread of the virus. At the time of writing of this letter, the CDC has determined that it will be necessary for everyone to wear masks except during the times students are eating.

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 warrant it, we will adjust and follow directions from the CDC, IDPH or ISBE. The first day of school for students will be **August 18, 2021**. We are committed to keeping students safe while providing them a high-quality education and the opportunity to succeed.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted the lives of students, teachers and families. Academic Mastery Academy 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.

All staff are required to be COVID-19 tested prior to starting the school year and are strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccination if they have not done so.

*What parents need to know:*

- Parents are being asked to provide masks for their students.
- AMA will continue to use social distancing while providing services to students.
- AMA will be conducting daily 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 has increased 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.

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

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Principal