



# CMA Fall Learning Plan 2020

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, CMA’s learning plans for the fall of 2020 have changed. Special schedules and procedures have been established to meet Health Department guidelines in a way that keeps our families safe and keeps our children learning.

## In-Person Learning

CMA planned to return to in-person learning on August 5, to allow for extra days in case of another COVID shutdown. That plan changed due to a request by the El Paso County Health Department to delay school openings until on or after August 17. Back-to-School Nights will be split over August 17 and 18, with classes beginning on August 19.

## Layers of COVID Mitigation

The following layers of safety will help reduce risk of COVID-19 infection at CMA.

- Screening questions upon arrival
- Temperature taken
- Hand Sanitizer up entrance
- Masks
- Fresh air recess
- Hand washing several times per day
- Cohorts - restricted mixing of groups
- No large group gatherings

## Visiting the Building

All persons who enter the building will be screened for symptoms of illness using questions from the Colorado Department of Public Health. Temperatures will be taken with 100.4 degrees being the threshold for both adults and students entering the building. Hand sanitizer will be used before proceeding to another part of the building.

## Arriving at School

Teachers and aides will assist students as they arrive at school with screening in the carpool line, asking the questions as students exit vehicles and taking temperatures. PARENTS MAY NOT DEPART UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED WHETHER THE STUDENT IS FEELING WELL OR ENSURING HE/SHE DOES NOT HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 100.4 DEGREES OR MORE. Parents may be asked to park and wait for the student to be cleared or may be asked to take the student home.

## Masks

Facial coverings have been mandated by the Governor's office for all person's age 11 and up. Parents who choose not to have their student wear a mask for medical reasons must sign waiver at front office.

## Recesses and Fresh Air

Sunshine is a natural enemy of COVID-19. These germs cannot live more than 5 minutes in direct sunlight. Our students will have recesses out of doors on a staggered schedule, weather permitting, in the morning and afternoon for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Elementary students, in the morning or afternoon for 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade students, and at lunch for all students, including Middle and High School.

## Hand-washing

There will be coordinated hand-washing times mid-morning and mid-afternoon for all students as well as before and after lunch.

## Cohorts vs. Large Group Gatherings

Students will be moved in cohorts or groups of approximately 25 students, staying with the same group of students as much as possible. Groups will remain separate at recess, using staggered schedules and multiple play areas on the grounds.

CAP Formation, usually at the beginning of the day for all Middle School and High School students, will be suspended until conditions are safer. Drills will be observed in Military Studies classroom groups.

Middle School and High School Students will change to a block schedule to reduce the number of adults to which these students are exposed each day.

- Blue Day – periods 1, 3, 5, and 7
- Gold Day – periods 2, 4, 6, and 8

## Lunchtime

Students will go to the cafeteria at staggered times to pick up their lunches with their cohorts /groups and return to a classroom to eat with that same group. Outdoor time (either before or after lunch) will be spent with only that cohort in areas separate from other cohorts.

## Wellness During the Day

If it is determined that a student has cold- or flu-like symptoms or a temperature during the school day, the student will be placed in isolation and a parent/guardian will be called to take student from school.

## Possible Closures

If during the year, it is determined that a person from a cohort / group tests positive for COVID-19, the cohort / group to which that person belonged will be quarantined at home for 14 days. El Paso County

Health Department will be notified and their procedures will be followed. If multiple cohorts are quarantined at the same time, the school may close for disinfecting throughout. Quarantined groups will move to online learning for the period of the quarantine.

If a community-wide shutdown is called for, CMA will move to online learning for all. Teachers will then manage the online learning process.

## Online Learning

CMA has added online learning as an option for those who have health challenges or who do not feel comfortable with in-person learning now. This service is available only to those who are enrolled at CMA. The curriculum is aligned to state standards and is managed by our Online Program Manager.

Daily attendance will be taken by the Online Program Manager and daily work will be reviewed. Grades will be posted in PowerSchool and will be accessible to parents and students online. The Online Program Manager is available to assist students and parents who may be having difficulty.

CMA's purpose in providing online learning is to optimize the experience and make it possible for students to bridge back into in-person learning later in the school year. Students may bridge back into in-person learning at the following times:

- During the first 3 weeks of school
- At the end of any quarter during the school year

Please notify the Online Program Manager when you wish for your student to return to in-person learning. CMA administration will place students into classes based on achievement and progress in the Online Program. A placement test may be used. Students who have not progressed in the program may be placed in a lower grade until progress is made.

Computers are available for loan to CMA students who need them for the online program. Please let us know if you do not have internet. Program adjustments are available for those on IEPs or 504s. CMA's SPED department will provide services according to student's IEP goals, but will not be available for the higher level of assistance from last Spring, such as making packets to supplement the online program. 504 adjustments will be overseen by the School Counselor in accordance with the student's 504 plan.

## Mental Health Needs

Among the hard things with this prolonged season of isolation are the difficulties with not seeing friends and having opportunities to socialize. Some students may feel "down" or depressed. Some students may feel fearful about the future.

CMA's School Counselor is available for consultation and Zoom appointments. You may contact Ms. Stewart at 719-576-9838 X304 or [stewart.e@cmacs.org](mailto:stewart.e@cmacs.org).

## Nutrition Needs

CMA has a Food Pantry stocked with items for families in need. Contact the School Counselor, Ms. Stewart, for assistance or email [pantry@cmacs.org](mailto:pantry@cmacs.org).