Manchester Essex High School

In-Person Learning Updates

Families have chosen the fully remote model for the

following reasons:

Response Selected	Percentage of Respondents
Family Decision	44% (59 respondents)
Concern for my child's health	43% (58 respondents)
Concern for the health of a family member	43% (57 respondents)
The in-school experience is not desirable.	60% (80 respondents)
My child is learning better remotely.	20% (28 respondents)
Other (Student opted, More convenient, Friends not attending, My child's choice, Town is in the Red)	21.3% (17 respondents)

Parents reasons why in-school is not desirable

Do not want to wear mask all day	35% (44 respondents)
There is not enough socialization	41% (52 respondents)
The start time is too early	16% (20 respondents)
Friends are not in school	43% (55 respondents)
Friends are not in cohort	43% (55 respondents)
Lunch is concerning to me	28% (36 respondents)
Too much downtime	14% (38 respondents)
Other (concern of transmitting to a friend, teaching style is the same at home and in school, risk outweighs benefits, in school class size too small, concern about students adhering to rules)	30% (38 respondents)

Class Sizes and Senior Sections

Range of class sizes (classrooms can fit up to 24 - 26 students at 4 feet)

- Class size range 10 students to 26 students
- 13 sections will no longer meet due to senior participation in SCORE
 - Teachers who lose a section will serve as substitute teacher during their lost section and/or proctor for standardized testing.
 - No teacher is completely freed up, teachers teach both seniors and underclassmen
 - 2 teachers lose 2 sections
 - 9 teachers lose 1 section
- Other senior sections include sophomores and/or juniors who continue with the course until the end of the school year

Lunch at the High School

- Total population if all return = 339 Students (excludes seniors, although seniors with AP classes will be in the building)
- Two lunch blocks available for high school students
- 170/lunch if blocks split evenly (due to class sizes it is never even)
- Lunch capacity at 6 feet
 - o Gym = 100 Students
 - Cafeteria = 40 Students
- If all students return, lunch is an obstacle (but one we can overcome)
 - Juniors and seniors would leave at lunch at engage in last block remotely
 - o If a student needs bus service home, they would be eligible to stay for lunch
 - o If not all students return, creating more room at lunch, Juniors would remain on campus

Looking ahead - Things to Consider

- MCAS Test for Sophomores and Juniors
 - ELA May 4 & 5
 - Math May 11 & 12
 - Asynchronous work for freshman during first two blocks, all in school from 10:30 until the end of the day
- Biology MCAS for Freshman
 - June 8 & 9
- AP Testing
 - Majority of tests are digital at home between May 18 and May 28
 - In school paper testing utilizing the Learning Commons and Classrooms
 - May 21, May 24, May 25

In Summary

- The high school is able to accommodate all students at 4' social distancing
- Existing social distances between student and teacher desks will remain
- Overflow space for classes should not be necessary
- Hyflex teaching will continue based on the needs of our remote families
- Data will be collected on the number of families who choose to continue with the fully remote model which will inform our decisions about the lunch block
- Gym classes will be held outside and in various areas of the building weather dependent
- Some adjustments to schedule may be required at times of standardized testing
- Seniors will continue with AP Classes and/or take part in SCORE/Capstone projects during quarter 4
- Standardized testing may have an impact on the in-school schedule