

# North Mahaska Community School District

P.O. Box 89  
New Sharon, Iowa 50207

September 9, 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

This letter is being written to inform you of the district's Hybrid Plan. What is a Hybrid Plan? A Hybrid Plan is an in person learning format where **students attend school every other day** in efforts to increase mitigation efforts and continue face-to-face learning.

When would the district potentially transition to a Hybrid Plan? The Iowa Department of Education and the Department of Public Health have identified some metrics for schools to use as a guide for when to transition to a Hybrid Plan. North Mahaska CSD would consider implementing the Hybrid Plan when:

- The 14 day average positivity rate of COVID in Mahaska County is between 15% and 20% AND 10% or more of students are absent due to quarantine, illness, or positive cases of COVID
- Other unforeseen circumstances where increased social distancing is needed to help mitigate the spread of COVID.

Would the entire school transition to a Hybrid Plan at one time or just parts of the school?

- It is possible that only a section of the school could transition to a Hybrid Plan. For example, if there is a high rate of absenteeism in the elementary and a positivity rate in the county between 15% and 20%, but there is not a high absenteeism rate in the jr./sr. high, then the district may consider transitioning only the elementary to a Hybrid Plan and viseversa.

If the district transitions to a Hybrid Plan, how will I know when my student is to attend? All students would be divided into two groups. A red group and a white group.

Students would attend as follows:

- Red group: Week 1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Red Group: Week 2: Tuesday, Thursday
- White Group: Week 1: Tuesday, Thursday
- White Group: Week 2: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
  - Preschool will be assigned to attend two days a week.
    - Red Group a.m. session: Monday - Friday
    - Red Group p.m. session: Monday - Friday
    - White Group a.m. session: Tuesday - Thursday
    - White Group p.m. session: Tuesday - Thursday

How do I find out whether my student is in the red group or the white group?

- Jr. / Sr. High Students: a list is posted on line at <https://rb.gy/s608a5>
- Elementary Students: Teachers will send home information informing you of whether your student is in the red group or white group.

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How will I be notified if the district transitions to a Hybrid Plan?

- The district's mass communication system, Swift Alert, will be used to email and text parents informing them of the change to the Hybrid Plan. The communication will also include the start date of implementation.

If the district transitions to the Hybrid Plan sometime this year, how long will the Hybrid Plan be in place?

- The Hybrid Plan would be in place for 14 calendar days. The district would reevaluate the county positivity rate and the district's absenteeism rate and decide whether to continue for an additional 14 days in the Hybrid plan or transition back to everyone attending full time five days a week.

What should I do to prepare for the Hybrid Plan?

- We are extremely hopeful we can remain in session with everyone attending full time five days a week and that we will not have to implement the Hybrid Plan. However, we are preparing in case county positivity rates and student absenteeism dictates otherwise. You can prepare for a potential transition to the Hybrid Plan by planning ahead for your child to be home every other day for 14 days during implementation of a Hybrid Plan.

What does my child do on the days they are not attending school? Do they attend class virtually?

- Students who are not in attendance because of their scheduled "off" day from school in a Hybrid Plan, should engage in homework and other practice activities provided by the teacher. They do not attend class virtually on their scheduled "off" day from school.

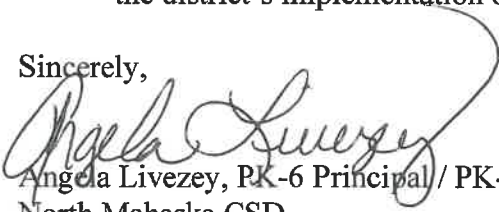
Where do I go with questions?

- Jr./Sr. High: Please contact Mrs. Amber Goemaat at [goemaata@nmwarhawks.org](mailto:goemaata@nmwarhawks.org)
- Elementary Parents: Please contact Mrs. Angela Livezey at [livezey@nmwarhawks.org](mailto:livezey@nmwarhawks.org).

Will transportation be provided during a Hybrid Plan implementation?

- Yes, if your child is provided transportation now, transportation will still be provided during the district's implementation of a Hybrid Plan.

Sincerely,



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