

## Plan Overview – Hybrid/Blended Learning Model

The Alton School District has also developed a Hybrid/Blended Learning Model that still provides students with in-person instructional opportunities but adheres to guidelines regarding social distancing and the physical distancing of students in the classroom. This is accomplished by placing students on an A/B Schedule for attendance at school. In Alton, the A/B Schedule will be entitled the Red and Gray Schedule. Divided by alphabet (and this information would be provided to parents closer to implementation), half of the district students (Red Schedule or Group A) would attend two days a week for in-person learning and receive remote instruction and supports for the other three days. The other half of students (Gray Schedule or Group B) would then attend on the opposite two days of the week with three days of instruction/instructional supports.

### Sample Blended Learning Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GROUP A (RED SCHEDULE)	In-Person	Remote and Independent Work	In-Person	Remote and Independent Work	ALL REMOTE
GROUP B (GRAY SCHEDULE)	Remote and Independent Work	In-Person	Remote and Independent Work	In-Person	ALL REMOTE

The Hybrid/Blended Learning Model reduces the number of students in the building and makes it easier to apply physical distancing throughout each aspect of a student’s day. Per CDC guidelines, it also assists with “cohorting” which is a strategy in mitigating the spread of COVID among students and adults. Students only attend class or school with their cohort rather than all students (Example: Group A or Monday/Wednesday in-person students are an example of a cohort).

Families would be assigned to the same schedule for student continuity and requests to move to a different group based on the parent’s work or caregiver schedule may be accommodated prior to the start of school subject to availability and approval.

Teachers will have a standard work day each day. Blended learning days will still be shortened days with a compacted schedule.

While COVID has taken an instructional toll on all students, it has been particularly difficult for our most vulnerable student populations. Because of the unique challenges presented by a blended/hybrid model and the delivery of related services, students with disabilities who attend school in designated self-contained/instructional special education classrooms will attend Monday through Thursday to the greatest degree possible with Friday also serving as a remote learning day.

### **ALTON HIGH SCHOOL**

***RED SCHEDULE – In-Person on Mondays and Wednesdays - 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

***GREY SCHEDULE – In-Person on Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

\*School will start earlier than in previous years in order to dismiss students prior to lunch.

Social distancing and group size limitations do not allow for lunch at AHS.

\*Six class periods provided with 40 minutes per class.

\*Students will be moving to different classrooms throughout the day with sanitizing measures in between classroom exchanges. Student movement in the building will be “one directional” in hallways and stairwells to the highest degree allowed.

\*Students will be provided with a “grab and go” lunch as they leave each day (bag includes breakfasts and lunches for two days).

\*Students will carry their belongings to each classes (lockers will not be used).

\*Students may remain after school for athletics, music, tutorial and other supports with an activity bus provided.

\*Early bird classes will also be offered for students interested beginning at 7:10 a.m.

\*Students may arrive up to 30 minutes before school begins.

### **ALTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

***RED SCHEDULE – In-Person on Mondays and Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

***GREY SCHEDULE – In-Person on Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.***

\*School will start earlier than in previous years in order to dismiss students prior to lunch.

Social distancing and group size limitations do not allow for lunch at AMS.

\*Five class periods will be provided with approximately 48-50 minutes per class.

\*Students will be issued an individual Chromebook for use at school and home.

\*Students will be moving to different classrooms throughout the day with sanitizing measures in between classroom exchanges. Student movement in the building will be “one directional” in hallways and stairwells to the highest degree allowed.

\*Students will be provided with a “grab and go” lunch as they leave each day (bag includes breakfasts and lunches for two days).

\*Students will carry their belongings to each class (lockers will not be used).

\*Students may remain after school for athletics, music, tutorial, 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and other supports with an activity bus provided.

\*Students may arrive up to 30 minutes before school begins.

### **INTERMEDIATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (East, North and West)**

***RED SCHEDULE – In-Person on Mondays and Wednesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.***

***GREY SCHEDULE – In-Person on Tuesdays and Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.***

\*Students may arrive to school up to 30 minutes before school starts.

\*Students will eat breakfast and lunch at school (using classrooms, outdoors and other spaces).

\*Students will be provided with recesses in small, class groups (outdoors when possible for mask breaks).

\* Student movement in the building will be “one directional” in hallways and stairwells to the highest degree allowed.

\*Before and after school programs available on in-person days with limited capacity.

### **PRIMARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Eunice Smith, Gilson Brown, Lewis and Clark, Lovejoy)**

***RED SCHEDULE – In-Person on Mondays and Wednesdays – 8:45 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.***

***GREY SCHEDULE – In-Person on Tuesdays and Thursdays – 8:45 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.***

\*Students may arrive to school up to 30 minutes before school starts.

\*Students will eat breakfast and lunch at school (using classrooms, outdoors and other spaces).

\*Students will be provided with recesses in class groups (outdoors when possible for mask breaks).

\*Before and after school programs available on in-person days with limited capacity.

*\*\*Early Childhood, Mark Twain School and Alton Success Academy schedules will be communicated separately.*

### **SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTIVE MEASURES:**

In order to increase student and staff safety during in-person instruction, the following will apply at all schools:

\*All students and staff will be required to wear a face mask or face covering while inside the school and on buses. Two reusable face masks will be provided to every district student.

\*Parents will complete a health screening of their child at home each morning and self-certify that their child is free of specifically-identified symptoms. Students will also have their temperature taken upon arrival at school each day.

\*Increased disinfecting and sanitizing will take place in all schools before, during and after school. High-touch surface areas and other commonly used areas such as restrooms will be regularly disinfected multiple times throughout the day.

\*Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout each school.

\*Buses will be sanitized after each route.

\*Visitors to schools will be significantly restricted this year. When a school visit is required, face masks, a symptom screening and a temperature scan will be required.