

2021-2022 Safe In-Person Learning Plan

for **STEAM Academy**

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

1. A self-assessment is *encouraged* to be used by everyone before entering school grounds.
2. All employees, students and visitors who are not fully vaccinated are *encouraged* to wear face coverings. Masks will be available in each building's respective office.
3. Social distancing of at least three to six feet will be *encouraged* between employees, students and visitors who have not been fully vaccinated.
4. STEAM Academy would like each individual to clean their work space each day with a CDC approved wipe. Teachers and staff are expected to demonstrate how this is done the first day of attendance for each student and should monitor this effort each day before bus time. It is important that each surface used by students is wiped at least once per day, sometimes more frequently. An example would be the teacher's small group table. This needs to be wiped at the end of the day as well as during the day when students come and go from this work space. Students should wipe their desktop as well as their chair each day at the end of school. If food is eaten in the classroom extra precautions should be taken to ensure desktops and other surfaces are wiped down before the food is unwrapped. Do not forget items such as the pencil sharpener and door handles.
5. Hand washing or use of hand sanitizer is required for each staff member each hour. (More frequently as needed.) Handling text books, student workbooks, student papers or having students exchange these materials increases the spread of germs. Please be conscious of organizing a clean and safe environment and routines that support this effort.
6. Students must wash hands before eating breakfast, lunch, snack or any other food in our classrooms. Students must wash their hands anytime they return from the bathroom as well as physical education and recess, as well as any out of room activity.

7. Students are expected to bring their own materials and supplies and keep them in their own materials box. Pens, pencils, markers, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, etc. Students should use materials only from their own boxes of supplies as best as possible.
8. Transportation Services has developed procedures addressing the transportation of students on busses in accordance with guidance from MDH and MDE.
9. STEAM Academy protocol for sick students is to contact Amina Adan(612-244-9591) or the School Office immediately for support. Once a sick student has left the classroom, it is important to immediately sanitize the student's desk and chair. Students who arrive at school with a fever will be isolated upon arrival for parent pick up.

There are other circumstances that may not be foreseen with the guidelines above. If you have other suggestions or if different situations arise that need to be addressed, please contact our Office at 651-236-8280 or email us at info@STEAMacademymn.org