

# MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Welcome Back News



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Dear Students, Families, and Community Members:

On behalf of the entire MAPS school family I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for the 2020-2021 school year. I hope all our students and their families got a chance to enjoy this summer's beautiful weather. Thank you for your support as we move through these unprecedented times. We are committed to using all our resources to ensure all MAPS students receive the very best education, whether that be face to face, 100% virtual or as a hybrid learner.

I would ask that you please keep the School Handout from the Health Department that is enclosed in this packet handy. Students should not go to school or any school activities or sports if having symptoms of COVID-19. Parents should self-screen their children daily. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater, they should stay home and follow the procedures outlined in the School Handout.

MAPS teachers and staff will be doing temperature checks of all students. This will happen in the first few minutes of the students' first class. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or greater, they will be sent to the office for a second reading. If the student measures 100.4 or greater a second time, we'll follow the procedures outlined in the School Handout "When a student should stay home or be sent home".

MAPS will be requiring all students to wear masks on the bus, in the classroom, in common areas within the school and on the playground if not socially distanced.. We will be providing two cloth face masks every nine weeks. We'll also have a supply of disposable face masks if something were to happen to your child's mask during the school day. CDC guidelines suggest the face covering be clean each day. We're hopeful families will be supplementing with masks of their own. If you haven't done so already, please watch the instructional video "How to Wear a Fabric Mask Safely" available on the MAPS website.

As a safety precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19, MAPS buildings will have thermostats set at 68 degrees. By doing this, our air exchangers will run 24/7 (circulation of outside air brought into the buildings). Additionally, on all days 55 degrees and warmer, classroom and bus windows will be required to be open. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for these conditions.

Due to the changing nature of athletics and other events this school year, please use the MAPS website [www.mapsnet.org](http://www.mapsnet.org) as your resource for events. There is a Quick Link to Athletics and a Quick Link to the School Calendar on the homepage.

We wish every student the greatest success and hope you enjoy your elementary, middle, and high school years here at MAPS. You are members of one of the finest schools in the U.P. and whether online or in person, we are glad you are here.

Sincerely,

Mr. Saunders  
Superintendent  
Marquette Area Public Schools



### 2020-2021 School Year Information

September 8	First Day of School for Students
October 9	PD – No School for Students
October 30	PD – Half Day for Students End of First Quarter
November 4	K-5 Half Day
November 5	K-12 Half Day
November 6	K-12 Half Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
November 26	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 11	PD—Half Day for Students
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	Winter Break – No School
January 4	School Resumes
January 18	PD – No School for Students
January 19	9-12 First Semester Exams
January 20	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
January 21	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
January 22	9-12 First Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release End of First Semester for K-12
February 12	Half Day for Students
February 26	PD—Half Day for Students
March 5	6-12 Half Day
March 11	K-5 Half Day
March 12	K-5 Half Day
March 19	PD—Half Day for Students
March 26	End of Third Quarter
Mar. 29 – Apr. 5	Spring Break – No school
April 6	School Resumes
April 30	PD—Half Day for Students
May 31	Memorial Day – No school
June 7	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 8	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 9	9-12 Second Semester Exams 9-12 Early Release
June 10	9-12 Book Return/Second Semester Exam Last day of School Half Day for all Students End of Second Semester for K-12

### SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Marquette Senior High School	(906) 225-5353
Marquette Alternative High School	(906) 225-4321
Bothwell Middle School	(906) 225-4262
Cherry Creek Elementary School	(906) 225-4399
Graveraet Elementary School	(906) 225-4210
Sandy Knoll Elementary School	(906) 225-4281
Superior Hills Elementary School	(906) 225-4295

## Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan Schools

Schools communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreak. Since 1978, Michigan law requires that each student possess a certificate of immunization **at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school)** for entry into kindergarten, 7th grade, or into a new school district involving grades 1-12. A child who fails to meet immunization requirements **shall not be admitted to school.**

### DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS & PERTUSSIS

**Ages 4-6:** 4 doses of DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age.

**Ages 7-18, including all 7th grade students:** 4 doses of D and T **OR** 3 doses if #1 given on or after first birthday. 1 dose of Tdap for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.

### POLIO

**Ages 4-6:** 4 doses of polio. Only 3 doses of polio are required if dose 3 is administered on or after the fourth birthday.

**Ages 7-18:** 4 doses of polio. Only 3 doses of polio are required if dose 3 is administered on or after the fourth birthday.

### MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA\*

**Ages 4-6:** Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after 12 months of age. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

**Ages 7-18:** Two doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after 12 months of age. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose.

### HEPATITIS B\*

**Ages 4-6:** Three doses are required.

**Ages 7-18:** Three doses are required.

### MENINGOCOCCAL

**Ages 4-6:** None

**Ages 7-18:** One dose for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher.

### VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX)\*

**Ages 4-18:** Two doses of varicella vaccine at or after 12 months of age **OR** current lab immunity **OR** reliable history of varicella disease.

**Please refer questions to your child's school office or to the school nurse's office at 225-5354.**

Immunizations may be obtained from your family health care provider or the Marquette County Health Department.

\*Current laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable instead of immunization with antigen.

\*\* All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.

## Food Service Information

We have partnered with Nutrislice to bring a menu format to our parents and students. This partnership provides nutritional information on each item. Nutritious breakfast and lunches are available to all students in the Marquette Area Public Schools. Milk is available to students who bring lunch from home. The district uses a pre-pay family account, utilizing a student PIN to make purchases. This system can be accessed through MAPS mobile app or on the district's website where you can make payments, track purchases and receive balance notices.



### 2020-2021 Meal Prices:

**Breakfast** – offered to elementary students at the cost of \$1.35 and middle and high school students for \$1.60. We offer a healthy variety of breakfast options. All juices are 100% fruit juice.

Cereals and breakfast bars are whole grain rich.

**Lunch** – offered to elementary students at a cost of \$2.50 and middle and high school students for \$3.00.

**Free and Reduced Meals** – Free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches are available to students who qualify under Federal guidelines. Reduced breakfast .30, Reduced lunch .40. Additional forms are available at all schools or on the school web-site under "Lunch Menus." Applications should be returned to the MAPS Food Service office, 1203 W. Fair Ave, Marquette, or your child's school. Call 225-4245 for more information.

## Concussions and Athletic Activities

To provide for the safety of student athletes, all athletic programs of the District shall comply with the concussion protocols of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, or the protocols which shall meet the requirements of state law and the Department of Community Health guidelines regarding concussion awareness training and protection for youth athletes (MAPS Policy 5340.01).

Educational Materials for Parents and Students are available on our website at <http://www.mapsnet.org/DistrictDepartments/AthleticsDepartment.aspx>. All parents and athletes must acknowledge in writing (in accordance with PA 342 and 343 of 2012) that they have received and reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents and/or the Concussion Fact Sheet for Students **prior to** Athletic Participation for the 2020-21 school year. The fact sheet is located on the last page of the Student parent athletic handbook.



## MAPS IS MOBILE

Marquette Area Public Schools has a mobile app. This app makes finding information on our school easier and increases communication with students, parents and the public. Download the free app for your Apple or Android device @ <http://launch.customschoolapp.net/marquette/> or by clicking the link on our main webpage.



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Follow MAPS Superintendent Bill Saunders @MAPS\_Billis and Marquette Area Public Schools at Marquette Schools@MQTSchools and MAPS on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Marquette-Area-Public-Schools>. You can get quick information on important events and school closings.

## School Board Meetings

MAPS Board of Education meetings are being held electronically due to Executive Order 2020-154. Board meeting agendas, minutes, and open meeting notices, including Board Committee Meeting schedules, are posted on the MAPS website: <http://www.mapsnet.org>. The Regular Board Meetings for the remainder of 2020 are scheduled for the following dates: **September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 14**. All board meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. Special Board Meetings are called as necessary. Board of Education Meetings for 2021 will be scheduled by the Board at the January 2021 Reorganizational Meeting. All Board Meetings provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment.

## Policy for Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint

In December of 2016, the State of Michigan adopted new laws restricting the use of seclusion and restraint in public schools with the intent to provide a uniform policy that accomplishes certain objectives. Those objectives and the March 14, 2017 model policy can be accessed at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PolicyForSeclusion-Restraint\\_564940\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PolicyForSeclusion-Restraint_564940_7.pdf). These will also be posted on MAPS website.

## Notice to Parents Regarding Title I

In accordance with the requirement of Federal law, for each school receiving Title I funds, the Superintendent shall make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified that they may request, and the Board will provide the following information on the student's classroom teachers:

- whether the teacher(s) have met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas they are teaching
- whether the teacher(s) is teaching under any emergency or provisional status in which the State requirements have been waived
- the undergraduate major of the teacher(s) and the area of study and any certificates for any graduate degrees earned
- the qualifications of any paraprofessionals providing services to their child(ren)

In addition, the parents shall be provided:

- information on the level of achievement of their child(ren) on the required State academic assessments
- timely notice if the student is assigned to a teacher who is not "highly qualified" as required or if the student is taught for more than four (4) weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

This applies to students attending Graveraet, Cherry Creek, Sandy Knoll and Superior Hills. Please contact Superintendent William Saunders at 225-4200 to request any of this information.

## Tobacco-free schools

Smoking and the personal use of tobacco products is prohibited twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week on school grounds, District owned or leased vehicles and property controlled by the District. MAPS Board Policy 7434.



## Before and After School Child Care Services

If you're in need of before and after school care, you can reach out to the day care businesses who will be providing these services in each of our four elementary school buildings. For information on registration, hours and rates you can email them at:

Graveraet Elementary—Kid's Club—[kidsclubcdcmqt@gmail.com](mailto:kidsclubcdcmqt@gmail.com)  
Cherry Creek Elementary—Grove-R Day Care—[groverdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:groverdaycare@gmail.com)  
Superior Hills Elementary—Megan's Family Day Care—[meganjosimmons@gmail.com](mailto:meganjosimmons@gmail.com)  
Sandy Knoll Elementary—Child Central Station—[amyahola@gmail.com](mailto:amyahola@gmail.com)



## Notice to Parents Regarding Instruction in Reproductive Health

The Board of Education has established a program of instruction, which includes HIV/AIDS and other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education. HIV/AIDS, other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education (high school level) are offered in identified courses as components of reproductive health education program.

According to Michigan law, you have the right to review the materials and curriculum content to be used in HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention education, as well as sex education. The local board of education, in compliance with the statute, has made the materials and curriculum guides available for your review. If you wish to review the materials or curriculum content, please contact your child's school to arrange a time for your review. You also have the right to observe instruction in your child's classroom. If you wish to do this, please call your child's school to make arrangements.

This statute allows you to excuse your child from participation in the classes that include HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention instruction, as well as sex education, if you so choose. You will be notified by your child's school when these classes will be taught. If you wish to exercise your right to excuse your child from instruction without penalty, please send written notice to the school principal and course instructor.

## Frequently-called numbers

Alternative HS	225-4321
Athletics	225-4220
Bothwell MS	225-4262
Busing / Transp.	225-5774 / 5773
Central Office	225-4200
Cherry Creek	225-4399
Food Service	225-4245
GED	225-4321
Graveraet Elementary	225-4210
Human Resources	225-5410
Kaufman Aud.	225-4213
MSHS	225-5353
MSHS Pool	225-5359
Planetarium	225-4204
Sandy Knoll	225-4281
Special Education	225-4319
Superintendent's Office	225-4200
Superior Hills	225-4295
Technology	225-5783



## School Start & End Times

	a.m.	p.m.	Half Days
MSHS	7:30	2:21	10:45 am
Alt. High School	7:30	2:30	10:50 am
Bothwell	8:00	2:50	11:05 am
Cherry Creek	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Sandy Knoll	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Superior Hills	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm
Graveraet Elementary	9:00	3:45	12:00 pm

\*On 9-12 early release days during exams on Jan. 20-22 & June 7, 8 & 9  
MAHS will dismiss at 11:10 am and MSHS will dismiss at 11:19 am. On  
June 10, the last day of school, MSHS will dismiss at 10:45 am and  
MAHS will dismiss at 10:50 am.

## School Bus Routes

Complete information regarding bus routes is available on the MAPS website [www.mapsnet.org](http://www.mapsnet.org). Please check this information carefully. If you advised the Transportation Department that you need busing and don't see a stop that works for you, or if you have any other busing related questions, please contact the Transportation Department at **225-5774** or **225-5773**. If transportation arrangements change, parents and guardians should complete a new Transportation Request form. You can find the Google Form on the MAPS website at: [https://www.mapsnet.org/district\\_departments/transportation](https://www.mapsnet.org/district_departments/transportation). Please be aware that it may take some time to accommodate changes in busing because there will be assigned seating. MAPS will be requiring all students to wear masks on the bus. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please call **225-5774**.

## Wellness Policy

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school. The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits. The Board has set goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. See Policy 8510 – Wellness.

## Notice regarding Student Privacy and Consent / Opt-Out

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 USC§1232h, requests the Marquette Area Public Schools to obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, including a student survey, analysis, or evaluation in an applicable program that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (Protected Information Surveys):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent.
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family.
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent / guardian.
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility or financial assistance.

This opt-out right also applies to the collection, disclosure, or use of student information for marketing purposes (marketing surveys) and to certain physical exams and screenings. For further information or to submit a request, contact Superintendent William Saunders, 225-4200.

## Notice Regarding School Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Board Policy 5530 and Federal law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by state statute (including prescription drugs) or substance that could be considered a look-alike controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by state law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he or she receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

## Notification Regarding Inspection of Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. The parent will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. The term instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audiovisual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or assessments. Please contact the principal's office.