



Whitefish Bay

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cohorts

Students will be in a cohort of 20-28 students, with half attending in person on A Days and the other half attending in person on B Days. With current enrollment in staffing, this means that students will be in class with, at maximum, 14 students. This number could go down depending on students who elect the fully virtual model.

Room Arrangement

Cohorts of students will take all classes together and stay in the same room for these classes. Desks will be arranged to allow for 4-6 feet of space between students. A minimum of 6 feet of space will be available at the front of the classroom for the teacher. The photos below are sample classroom arrangements.

Rotating Teachers

Instead of students moving to different classrooms, our teachers will be moving from classroom to classroom. This reduces the number of high-touch surfaces (desks, for example) that students contact, as well as eliminating large numbers of students passing each other in the hallways.

Consistent Schedules

Whether students are attending class physically at WFBMS or from the comfort of their home, a consistent schedule for classes will be followed. This also provides us ease of transition into a fully virtual model, should health conditions warrant.

Exploratory Wheel for All

We recognize the value of our students being able to explore their passions and interests through our elective and exploratory classes. We will continue to offer these classes in a modified format. During one period of the day, students will be enrolled in courses with their cohort that will change at quarter (for example: Art, Design & Modeling, Health, and Business). During another period, students will have access to asynchronous learning and synchronous small-group instruction in World Language and Music.

Extended Lunch Period

In order to give all students (virtual or in-person) more access to their teachers, we will offer an extended lunch period that is similar to the High School's ISH time. This extended time also allows for the time needed to practice all appropriate hygiene measures. Students will eat lunch with their cohort or, with parent permission, be able to go home during this time.

Lockers and Backpacks

For at least the first quarter of the school year, students will not be assigned lockers. They will be able to take their backpacks and jackets with them into their cohort's room.

