



**August 2021**

## **All Programming Updates (McKinley & SLC)**

- **Standards Based Grading** - Attention parents and students: In an effort to provide students with grades that are accurate, meaningful, consistent, and reflect learning (O'Conner), McKinley Academy & the Personalized Learning Community will implement a Standards Based Grading platform that focuses on a student's learning and proficiency on the essential standards for a class. The foundation of grading for learning is based on the concept of providing students with specific and quality feedback around their learning. The student's grade will be based on the evidence the classroom teacher collects, demonstrating their mastery of the essential standards. Over the course of the school year parents and students will see more courses transitioning from traditional grading to grading linked to progress and attainment to course power standards. Grades will become a reflection of the cumulation of skills learned over the course of the school year and not just during a grading period. Please know that there will be times during the courses of the school year that particular standards are not graded as all skills cannot be taught and measured all at once. It is at these times that the grade book may indicate the skills were not taught or assessed.
- **Increasing Student Performance & Skills**
  - The Stangel Learning Community and McKinley Academy are committed to increasing student achievement in literacy, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills. This year we have a building goal that will focus attention with increasing skills so that students will be at or above grade level proficiency in their ability to formulate decisions and employ critical thinking skills as measured by their individual presentation of a claim with specific evidence & reasons along with summarizing across content areas as measured by common formative assessments related to speaking, listening, reading, or writing. Please call the Stangel Learning Community office for any questions that you have regarding the focus on reading.
- **Important Dates**
  - August 30th - First day for new students
    - Students in the virtual model will attend Virtually
    - Students in the face to face model will attend in person
  - August 31st - All students attending school
    - Students in the virtual model will attend Virtually
    - Students in the face to face model will attend in person

- September 6th - No school
- October 6th - Picture day located in the Stangel Learning Community Building
- October 19th - Vision screening for students
- November 6th Picture retake day in the Stangel Learning Community Building
- **Lakeshore Community Health Care** - School Dental program is offering services regardless of insurance and a family's ability to pay. Signed parent consent is needed by 9/17/21.
- **Character Education** - The month of September will bring the focus of character education in the area of cooperation.
- **School Safety** - Both McKinley Academy and all Personalized Learning Programs will continue using the district wide Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The month of September will bring a practice drill of a "HOLD". Teachers will educate students on the procedures for each monthly drill to ensure the safety of all students no matter if learning virtually or in person.
- **Chromebook & Supply Pickups:**
  - Students attending Virtually: Chromebooks will be ready for student pickup on Thursday, August 26th & Friday, August 27th in the Stangel Learning Community office (1002 E. Cedar Ave.). The school office will be open for Chromebook pick-up between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. When students login for the first time they will need to complete a google form and self report the device asset number. Students will be using their username and password from the last school year.
  - Students attending in person: Devices can be picked up on Thursday, August 26th, Friday, August 27th between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or on your first day of school in the main office. When students login for the first time they will need to complete a google form and self report the device asset number. Students will be using their username and password from the last school year.
- **Student Schedules:** Schedules are in the process of being finalized. Please look for an I.C. email/text message.
  - Students attending Virtually: A schedule will be sent through the I.C. message system.
  - Students attending in person: You can collect a copy of your schedule on the first day of school when you pass through the main office.

## **Virtual McKinley Grades 5K-5**

- Attendance - Attendance will be taken during the morning and afternoon during the live instruction. Classroom expectations are for students to have their screens on and to actively participate in class.
  - McKinley Academy will be following the state virtual guidelines for non engagement and a failure to participate process. Students that are non engaged for 10 partial or full days will be moved back to his or her home school for in person instruction.
- Grades 5K-5 Virtual Specials - Art, music, and physical education will have weekly/daily recorded lessons. Students can complete the lessons during the scheduled time or complete these lessons at a different time during the day.
- All virtual classes will have access to a google classroom and google meets. Please follow your daily schedule and look for the courses and meets that you are invited to by your teacher.
- Welcome new virtual McKinley Academy Staff members
  - Ms. Sanger - grades 5K-2 with a primary emphasis in ELA
  - Ms. Bachochin - grades 5K-2 with a primary emphasis in Math
  - Ms. McKnight - grades 3-5 with a primary emphasis in ELA
  - Ms. Hoyt - grades 3-5 with a primary emphasis in Math

## **Virtual McKinley Grades 6-8**

- Attendance - Attendance will be taken during the morning and afternoon during the live instruction. Classroom expectations are for students to have their screens on and to actively participate in class.
  - McKinley Academy will be following the state virtual guidelines for non engagement and a failure to participate process. Students that are non engaged for 10 partial or full days will be moved back to his or her home school for in person instruction.
- Grades 6-8 Virtual Specials - Art, music, and physical education will have weekly/daily recorded lessons. Students can complete the lessons during the scheduled time or complete these lessons at a different time during the day.
- All virtual classes will have access to a google classroom and google meets. Please follow your daily schedule and look for the courses and meets that you are invited to by your teacher.
- Welcome new virtual McKinley Academy Staff members
  - Ms. Lohoff - grades 6-8 with a primary emphasis in ELA
  - Ms. Debo - grades 6-8 with a primary emphasis in Science & Social Studies
  - Ms. Gerlach - grades 6-8 with a primary emphasis in Math

## **McKinley Grades 9-12**

- Attendance - Attendance will be taken each class period throughout the day during the same time teaching model of instruction. Classroom expectations for virtual students are to have their screens on and to actively participate in class.
  - McKinley Academy will be following the state virtual guidelines for non engagement and a failure to participate process. Students that are non engaged for 10 partial or full days will be moved back to in person instruction.
- All virtual classes will have access to a google classroom and google meets. Please follow your daily schedule and look for the courses and meets that you are invited to by your teacher.
- Welcome new virtual & in person McKinley Academy Staff members
  - Mr. Muckerheide - grades 1-12 Special Education teacher
  - Ms. Schlaefer - grades 1-12 Reading Specialist
  - Mr. Mancheski - grades 9-12 primary emphasis in Social Studies
  - Mrs. Luckow - Grades 1-12 Educational Assistant