



# North Montgomery Community School Corporation

## Back to School Newsletter

2021-2022

*Helping today's students find their true North for  
a better tomorrow!*

### Classes Begin

The first day of school for K-12 students will be Tuesday, August 10! Early Learning Academy students will begin August 16.

[PowerSchool](#)

### Parent Portal

North is now using Ecollect to update demographic information. Updating your student's information is very important. By doing so, you are notifying the school of your intent to return next school year. Having accurate information on file is important so we may contact you in case of emergencies. It also assists with scheduling, teacher information, and transportation arrangements. Please update this in the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <http://powerschool.nm.k12.in.us>.

### NMCSC on Social Media

North Montgomery social media pages promote school activities and events and showcase the great accomplishments of our students and staff. Be sure to like us at:



[Facebook.com/NorthMontgomery](#)



[Twitter @NMCSCTrueNorth](#)

[www.nm.k12.in.us](#)

### Welcome to North Montgomery

NMCSC is looking forward to welcoming students and staff back for the new school year! The best teaching and learning comes from a strong partnership between families and schools. Please join us this year to help make up for the lost instructional time caused by the pandemic. In addition to monitoring your student's work and grades, teachers will be sharing resources and strategies that can be used outside of school. We know that school engagement improves academic success, so we encourage students and parents to get involved in our many programs and opportunities.

Student and staff safety continues to be our top priority this school year. While COVID 19 mitigation strategies will be much less restrictive as we return to school, we will continue to watch our community spread and hospitalization rates. At this time, mask wearing is highly encouraged for those who are unvaccinated but not required at school. However, the CDC order through the Department of Health and Human Services does require that masks be worn on school buses. Please have students keep a mask in their possession for riding the bus. Ongoing communication about changes in practices at schools will be provided.

As a community we are stronger together! Please reach out with questions to seek clarification throughout the year.

Dr. Colleen Moran, Superintendent

North Montgomery's culture is one of acceptance and understanding of individual beliefs and differences. The staff is provided with on-going training to identify and deter all forms of intimidation, discrimination, harassment and bullying. The bullying policy can be found at [www.nm.k12.in.us](http://www.nm.k12.in.us) by clicking on the Parent tab. Please contact the principal with any questions or concerns. There is also an anonymous [Student Concern Report link](#) on each school's website.



**ONLINE NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**  
[www.nm.k12.in.us](#)

**or**

**BY APPOINTMENT**

July 29, 2021  
NMHS  
9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Please call 765-359-2112 x 0

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## 2021-2022 Book Rental Fees

Textbook Rental invoices will be mailed to parents/guardians around August 27 and due September 24. Payments may be made online by going to the NMCSC website at [www.nm.k12.in.us](http://www.nm.k12.in.us) and click under Textbook Payment at the bottom of the page.

Instructions to the online site are included with the Textbook Rental invoice. Payments may also be mailed or dropped off at the Central Administration Office, 480 W 580 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Return envelopes are included with the Textbook Rental invoices. Payments made after the due date of September 24 will incur a \$10 late fee.



## School Meals

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will continue to reimburse schools and childcare centers for free lunches to all students through the 2021-2022 school year.

Please consider using the online meal account to deposit funds for your student's a la carte items. This will eliminate the need for students and staff to handle cash or checks. You may go to [www.nm.k12.in.us](http://www.nm.k12.in.us) and click on this link



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- **Meal & Book Rental Assistance**
- Families who qualify for free or reduced meals are eligible for textbook assistance. Each year parents must complete the meal assistance form. This can be found on the district website at <http://www.nm.k12.in.us/powerschool/food-services>. If you have questions please contact Katie Melvin at 765-359-2112 ext 121.
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## School Supplies

Please check your school's website for a list of school supplies needed.



## Bus Schedule

**While transportation will be provided, we appreciate any parent willing to provide transportation for their child this school year to limit the number of bus riders. A mask will be required to ride the school bus.**

Pleasant Hill EI	7:50 a.m.	2:40 p.m.		
Sugar Creek EI	7:40 a.m.	2:30 p.m.		
Lester B. Sommer EI	7:40 a.m.	2:30 p.m.		
North Montgomery MS	8:10 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	Bonus	T and Th 3:40 p.m.
North Montgomery HS	8:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Bonus	T and Th 3:45 p.m.

# Transportation



North Montgomery Transportation Department will be using the Stopfinder app to allow parents to see their student's bus schedule, estimated time of arrival, location of the bus, and communicate directly with the Transportation Office.

One parent will be sent a registration link. This is the "primary" contact. This contact can then share their student's schedule with other people of their choosing (i.e. babysitters, grandparents, etc.).

All parents should have this app downloaded.

The video link below is a helpful guide to setup and walk through the app. Please call the Transportation Office if you have any questions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tcd5Q5Qlkuo>



For more information about transportation, Bus Stop Guidelines and School Bus Behavior Expectations go to  
<http://www.nm.k12.in.us/info/transportation>

North Montgomery Transportation Department  
Office Phone: 765.364.1071 x651  
ECA Phone: 765.364.1071 x650  
Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Email: [transportation@nm.k12.in.us](mailto:transportation@nm.k12.in.us)





## First Student Day: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

All K-12 students will attend in-person daily. Early Learning Academy students will begin August 16.

Vaccination	Screening	Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette
Continued partnership with Franciscan & Crawfordsville Community Paramedic Program to provide for student and staff vaccination opportunities	Continued partnership with the local health department to offer testing as appropriate. Continued compliance with requirements such as temperature checks and symptom reporting	Individualized approach as determined by the Case Conference Committee	Posted signs in appropriate areas along with school wide lessons to teach & remind handwashing and respiratory etiquette

### Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine

Individuals with Covid positive results will be isolated by the local or state health department for a given number of days following state and local health department guidelines before returning to school. Continued compliance and cooperation with local and state requirements regarding contract tracing, isolation and quarantine.

Cleaning & Maintaining Healthy Facilities	Coordination with State and Local Health Officials	Modifying Facilities for Distancing	Mask Wearing
Continued compliance with state, federal and local recommendations	Continued involvement with state and local meetings and webinars to receive updates, ask questions and provide information	Classrooms and common spaces set up and scheduled with distancing and safety in mind as required	Compliance with state and federal regulations, posted signs to encourage mask-wearing if required.



### North Montgomery will follow state and federal mandates

Currently masks for unvaccinated individuals are recommended. Masks must be worn on school bus due to a federal mandate.  
State and federal mandates are subject to change.

MASK GUIDANCE	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated	
Elementary	Not yet eligible	Recommended	<b>Visitors &amp; Volunteers:</b> Schools will have traditional activities physically open to parents, guardians and the community. All visitors should perform a self-check for COVID symptoms prior to entering.
Middle/High School	Not required	Recommended	<b>Clinic:</b> Symptomatic students waiting for pick up will be provided a separate space to wait until leaving the building.
Staff	Not required	Recommended	<b>Cafeteria:</b> Lunch visitors will not be permitted at this time.
Visitors	Not required	Recommended	<b>Water Bottles:</b> Students may bring their own water bottle with filling stations available for refilling.
Outdoor Areas	Not required	Not required	<b>Distancing and Seating Charts:</b> Students will have assigned seats in the classroom, cafeteria and bus. In the classroom, space will be maximized and students will face forward as much as possible.
Bus	Required	Required	<b>Activities and Schedules:</b> P.E. and recess will be held outside when possible and outdoor learning is permitted.
Clinic	As provided by nurse	As provided by nurse	<b>Extra-curricular Events:</b> Distancing between families is encouraged at all extracurricular events.
All updates to this plan will be communicated to families.			

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN RESOURCES



Access the latest information on COVID-19, case counts, travel notices, vaccine information, safety recommendations and much more at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov).



The Indiana State Department of Health's Novel Coronavirus website has state data, testing info, and the latest updates. Access the website by visiting [coronavirus.in.gov](https://coronavirus.in.gov).

**COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Hours**

TESTING	VACCINE CLINICS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Fridays 10:00 AM - 12:00PM	Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
	Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

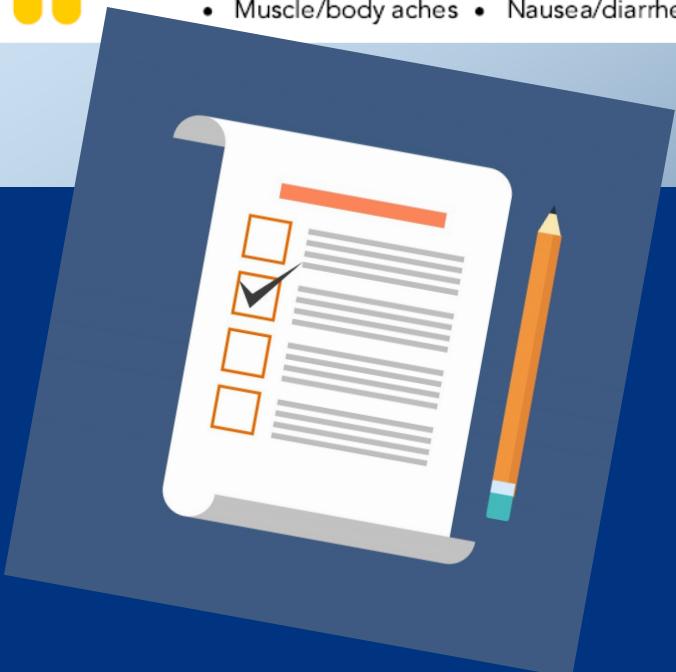
Montgomery County Health Department  
308 W. Market St.  
\*back of the building parking lot

Testing - sign up at [scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov](https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov)  
Vaccination - sign up through [ourshot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov)  
or dial 211 for assistance



### COVID-19 Symptom Checklist

- Fever/chills
- Headache
- Cough
- Loss of taste/smell
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Sinus congestion
- Muscle/body aches
- Nausea/diarrhea



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## 2021-2022 Indiana State Department of Health School Immunization Requirements

<https://www.in.gov/health/immunization/files/2021-2022-School-Immunization-Requirements-ENGLISH-Final-July2021.pdf>

Grade	Required		Recommended
Pre-K	3 Hepatitis B 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) 3 Polio	1 Varicella (Chickenpox) 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) 2 Hepatitis A	Annual influenza
K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio	2 Varicella 2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A	Annual influenza
6 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella	2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) 1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis)	Annual influenza 2/3 HPV (Human papillomavirus)
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	3 Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella	2 MMR 2 Hepatitis A 2 MCV4 1 Tdap	Annual influenza 2/3 HPV 2 MenB (Meningococcal)

According to Indiana law, when a student enrolls in a school district, a parent or guardian must submit a statement of the student's immunizations to the school. This record must show the student has received the minimum number of immunizations at the required intervals for the student's age. Students may not attend school until the required immunizations are up to date. At this time, the COVID-19 vaccine is not required.

North Montgomery will be offering onsite immunization catch up clinics in partnership with the Crawfordsville Fire Department Community Paramedicine Program. Dates/times will be shared with parents via ParentSquare messaging. Immunizations can also be given by your medical provider or the Montgomery County Health Department—308 W Market St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Call for appointments 765-364-6440

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We are pleased to welcome visitors back this school year! The SafeVisitor system requires all who enter schools to scan in on a kiosk at the entry. The scan ensures there is nothing in a guest's criminal history that could put anyone in danger. It also allows the office to know who is present in case of an emergency. We want to make sure that we can account for all people. To better understand expectations moving forward; please see how volunteers and visitors are defined below and what to expect. Please keep in mind that safety is not always easy or comfortable, however, it is necessary and our students are worth it!

## **Volunteers:**

- Volunteers, including coaches
- Field Trip Chaperones

**What to expect:** You will need your SafeVolunteer badge, unless coaching

Volunteers will be required to complete a comprehensive background check. Please use this link <https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/000784/volunteer>. This check will include:

- Social Security Verification Check
- Address Verification Check
- National Criminal Database Check
- National Sex Offender Registry Check
- County Criminal Check
- Indiana Participating Database Check.

\*This check will also include the ArrestAlert monitoring

*Volunteers must enter personal information and a credit card to pay \$17.95 to order the background check. This check is valid for 5 years and at all schools in which you have a student. All approved volunteers will have a picture taken and receive a badge. All visitors must return to the main office and check-out at the front desk.*

## **Temporary Visitors/Guests:**

- Lunch Guests (when we are able to welcome parents to dine with us again!)
- Classroom Guest Speakers
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Classroom/School Special Events. (example: Grandparents day in 2020-2021)

**What to expect:** All Visitors will now be required to present a valid photo ID which may include a driver's license, State issued photo ID, or passport. All Approved visitors will have a picture taken at each visit and receive a temporary badge that must be visibly worn at all times. All visitors must return to the main office and check-out at the front desk, returning their badge.

## **What Visitors/Volunteers Can Expect: Video:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b2LFviWAwotFhDZFTWgEoERWJ1CkqbqQ/view>

<https://youtu.be/brsNNBzfnRs>

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**DO NOT MISS IMPORTANT MESSAGES!**



## ParentSquare

Starting with the 2021-22 school year, we will begin using ParentSquare to communicate with our Charger families. This system is replacing SchoolMessenger. Notices from the schools will now be delivered via phone, text, email, and the ParentSquare App, which is optional. The app is available in the app store for Android and iPhone. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for the parent/guardian, using the information provided in PowerSchool.

Parents will receive an activation email with directions for setting up a ParentSquare account. In emergencies or when notifying school families is urgent, ParentSquare will use all methods of contact, which includes a phone call, text, email and app notification (if we have the correct information and if you have downloaded the app). Parents who do create an account can become more actively engaged in communication by appreciating posts, viewing newsletters, receiving important alerts, and managing communication preferences. We encourage parents to download the FREE ParentSquare app.

## Charger KidZone!

### After School Care

With an emphasis on personal relationships and individualized learning, CKZ will provide homework and/or enrichment help (20-30 minutes), hands-on activities, games, free play time and connections with learning that is occurring during the school day. This program is provided for students in grades PK-5.

CKZ is open on all regular school days and early release days until 6:00 pm. If school is closed early, CKZ will close. CKZ is also closed on the same holidays as the NMCSC school calendar. CKZ will only operate during the school year. Care will not be provided during any other scheduled breaks. For more information go to:

<http://www.nm.k12.in.us/powerschool/after-school-care/file>

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## NMCSC Board of School Trustees

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Regular board meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the NMCSC Administrative Office.  
480 W. 580 N.  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

See policy 0167.3 for Public Participation at Meetings  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/in/nmont/Board.nsf/>

Click on Policies and search by policy number.

## Lester B. Sommer Elementary

Grades PK-5  
3794 W. US 136  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Phone: 362-3979  
<http://lbses.nm.k12.in.us/>  
Principal, Suzi Gephart  
School Counselor,  
Kirstie McClamroch

## Pleasant Hill Elementary

Grades PK-5  
6895 N. 100 W.  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Phone: 339-4403  
<http://phes.nm.k12.in.us/>  
Principal, Jennifer Moseley  
School Counselor,  
Eileen Bormann

## Sugar Creek Elementary

Grades PK-5  
4702 E. 300 N.  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Phone: 794-4855  
<http://scses.nm.k12.in.us/>  
Principal, Cris McCoy  
School Counselor, Lore Apple

## Important Dates

### August

9 Staff only  
10 First student day for K-12  
16 First day for Early Learning Academy (PK)

### September

6 No school, Labor Day

### October

6 Early release for students  
18-22 No school, Fall Break

### November

11 Teacher records day  
17-19 EL/MS Parent/Teacher Conferences  
18 eLearning Day  
24-26 No school, Thanksgiving

### December

20-31 No school, Winter Break

### January

3 Students and staff return to school  
17 No school, MLK Day

### February

2 Early release for students  
21 No school, President's Day  
25 No school, Trimester Break

### March

2-4 EL/MS Parent/Teacher Conferences  
9 Early release day  
28-Apr 1 No school, Spring Break

### May

26 Last student day

27 Staff only

## North Montgomery Middle School

Grades 6-8  
482 W. 580 N.  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Phone: 364-1071  
<http://nrms.nm.k12.in.us/>  
Principal, Steve Renzino  
Asst. Principal, Mike Myers  
Athletic Director, Jodi Webster  
School Counselor, Carrie Woolwine



## North Montgomery High School

Grades 9-12  
5945 US 231  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Phone: 362-5140  
<http://nmhs.nm.k12.in.us/>  
Principal, Michael Cox  
Asst. Principal, Jon Guthrie  
Athletic Director, Matt Merica  
Director of Student Services,  
Brooke VanScoyoc  
School Counselor,  
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## NMCSC Administrative Office

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