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**Middle School
Learning Plan**
School Year 2020-2021

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THE MIDDLE SCHOOL APPROACH



The new MS model recognizes the diverse learning needs of our students and the unique situations families may face as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold. Our number one priority of providing a high quality academic and social-emotional experiences for our students whether they are in the classroom or in a DL setting while maintaining their safety and well-being. We also recognize and address the importance of balancing academic rigor with supporting our students throughout many stages of emotional and physiological growth and development as we bridge the transition from lower school to high school.

With these understandings, the Middle School has designed learning models that:

1. Attend to students' physical safety, health and social-emotional well-being
2. Provide continuity of high-quality learning for students who may need to transition between face-to-face (F2F) and distance learning (DL) at designated times throughout the year
3. Are sustainable, with consideration for faculty and staff as well as students, in the event that conditions mandate that LJA Response Levels remain heightened for an extended period of time

LEARNING MODELS

YOUR CHOICE - FROM DAY ONE!

You will be offered a choice between face-to-face and distance learning prior to the start of school. You will then have the flexibility to switch back and forth between the models **on a quarterly basis**. Parents will be able to opt into distance learning in the event that the school's Response Level is increased (e.g., moving from level 1+ to 2), if your child or family is required to self-quarantine, or at the start of each quarter:

Quarter 1: August 12- October 9 (Start of School - Fall break)

Quarter 2: October 19 - December 18 (Fall break - Winter break)

Quarter 3: January 5 - March 12 (Winter break - Spring Break)

Quarter 4: March 22 - June 2 (Spring Break - End-of-year)

We recognize that each child has unique needs. You can opt one child into distance learning and another child into face-to-face learning on campus.



More information about distance learning and how to opt in will be emailed to you on July 20.

This email will include more information about what distance learning looks like, parent and student expectations, and agreements.

You must reply by August 1 to opt into distance learning for the start of the school year.

LJA COVID-19 RESPONSE LEVELS

	Level 1 Low Risk	Level 1+ Increased Risk	Level 2 Heightened Risk	Level 3 High Risk
Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolated outbreaks No cases at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing new cases Gov't restrictions on gathering/group size No cases at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustained community spread Gov't restrictions on gathering/group size and travel Confirmed case(s) at LJA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread community transmission Gov't restrictions on gatherings, issues stay-at-home order Confirmed case(s) at LJA
Face-to-Face Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Physical distancing wherever possible (3-6 feet) Masking may be required Field trips and Athletics may take place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Enhanced physical distancing Masking required where physical distancing cannot be maintained (For PK-2 mask wearing protocols will vary) Outdoor learning and centers emphasized Field trips limited to on-island w/ safety precautions Avoid airports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LJA campuses open Enhanced cleaning/safety practices Enhanced physical distancing Mask wearing mandatory Smaller group sizes enforced Seek to preserve "ohana bubbles" No field trips No travel 	<p>All campuses closed</p> <p>Note: Childcare may be offered for qualifying first-responder and LJA employee families with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced physical distancing Mandatory mask wearing (For PK-2, mask wearing protocols will vary) Small mixed age groups of students from the same families in same cohorts of 9 students + 1 teacher.
Distance Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students engage remotely Distance learning follows same curriculum as face-to-face 	<p>Distance Learning for all students</p>

Note: Chart descriptions provide a generalized school wide overview. Division specifics can be found on pages 6 and 7.

FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING | AT-A-GLANCE

LEVEL 1

In order to provide **more flexibility for students and staff**, we developed a **10-day Monday-Friday schedule that includes an additional block each day**. The extra block ensures that student support will be integrated into the daily schedule, including **subject-specific study groups, Approaches to Learning (ATL) skill workshops**, our traditional TRIBES engagements and distance learning support.

Daily, small-group meetings will be incorporated into each of the grade levels and provide an opportunity for students to check in with their teachers and provide additional time to provide additional guidance for students.

Middle School will implement interdisciplinary units and the **Impact Program will continue** with **experiential learning opportunities** in the second semester.

LEVEL 1+

Same as Level 1 above.

LEVEL 2

Same as Level 1 above.

LEVEL 3

Campus is closed. **Distance learning for all students.**

DISTANCE LEARNING | AT-A-GLANCE

LEVEL 1

Students who have elected to learn through our distance learning program will do so on a **synchronous** basis. In order to maintain consistency with the MYP curriculum, **DL students will follow the same schedule as our face-to-face students**. Students will remotely follow the **10-Day Monday-Friday schedule**. Each DL student will be assigned an advisor as well as administrative support to help ensure success. Before moving into DL, students and their guardians will meet with our administrative team to review specific supports and expectations. DL students will be eligible for ILH sports and MS activities (must be in good standing).

LEVEL 1+

Same as Level 1 above.

LEVEL 2

Same as Level 1 above.

LEVEL 3

Campus is closed. **Distance learning for all students**. If we have to move to Level 3, students will be prepared to succeed in a different learning environment based on our “distance learning ready” curriculum in our first levels. Our goal is for the Middle School community to feel supported, valued, and safe.

Teachers will continue with the units they were teaching during Levels 1, 1+, 2. Learning tasks will continue to meet the curricular needs of our students. Teachers will send out a weekly overview so parents and students can plan ahead. Teachers will have *both* synchronous and asynchronous experiences on each day that the class typically takes place. Teachers will schedule office hours during the time the class typically takes place.

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

We are deeply invested in ensuring the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. In addition to our campus-wide enhancements, you'll find the following improvements to support a healthy learning environment in the Middle School, including:

- Covered outdoor spaces for learning engagements and activities
- Blower fans in classrooms to improve air circulation
- New electrostatic sprayers for daily cleaning
- Physical distancing guides in restrooms
- Teachers will receive training on optimizing our outdoor environment for our students' learning.
- Physical distancing at breaks and lunch through use of classrooms and tents and other outdoor space
- Additional portable hand washing stations
- Additional nursing staff coverage and screened health areas
- Foot markers to support physical distancing protocols



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EXPECT



Last Year (2019-20)

This Year (2020-21)

6-Day JARDIN rotating schedule

10-Day Monday-Friday schedule

4 Class a day block schedule

5 Class a day block schedule

Study Halls

Subject Specific Support Groups, ATL Skill Workshops, Distance Learning Support, Daily group meetings

All students on campus/All students in distance learning

Families are given the choice of distance learning or face-to-face on campus at designated times throughout the school year.

No self-screening

All students, faculty, staff, visitors must complete the self-screening form prior to arriving on campus. Keep sick children home (Big 4: temp 100+, cough, loss taste/smell and shortness of breath). All students, faculty, staff, visitors must complete the self-screening form prior to arriving on campus.

Handwashing

Enhanced handwashing built into the schedule between learning experiences and transitions.

CHANGES TO EXPECT (continued)



Last Year (2019-20)

This Year (2020-21)

Classroom learning

Additional awnings, shade tents, and outdoor furniture installed to optimize outdoor learning to enhance air flow and physical distancing.

Parents and other visitors allowed on campus at any time.

Parents and other visitors are not allowed on campus unless prior arrangements are made. All parents and visitors on campus must conduct a self-screening, check in with the front desk for an LJA badge to be worn while on campus.

Sick Policy - 24-hour rule
Students not permitted on campus for 24 hours following a fever of 100 degrees or higher.

72-hour rule. Sick children must be kept home, and may only return to school after 72 hours with no symptoms. Protocols for sick students and faculty are in place, as is a COVID Response Plan the event of a COVID-19 case on campus.



SAVE THE DATE!

Middle School Parent Info Session

August 5, 2020
6:00 p.m. | via Zoom

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Will students in MS have recess and breaks?

A: This depends on which level of response, Currently at Level 1+, MS will continue to have recess however due to social distancing guidelines modifications to the break schedule and protocols will be made to ensure student safety. At Level 2 we may modify to facilitate group size and 'ohana bubble for contact tracing.

Q: How can I learn more about opting my child into distance learning?

A: More information about what Distance Learning looks like, parent and student expectations and parent training will be emailed to you on July 14th. In this email, you will find a link to opt into Distance Learning for Quarter 1 (Start of year August 12- Fall Break October 9th). Parents need to reply by August 1 to opt into DL for the start of the school year.

Q: If my child is in DL can he/she still participate in on-campus after school events and activities?

A: If students are in the distance learning option they will be eligible for on-campus activities if the student is in good academic standing and comply with all self-screening, masking and social distancing protocols.

Q: Will we have camp trips?

A: For the fall semester, Grade 6 and Grade 7 annual grade-level camps will not be an overnight trip. We are working with YMCA Camp Erdman to design a one day-trip for our students. A determination about the Grade 8 year end grade level trip will be made in the second semester.

Q: Will we have school dances?

A: Due to social distancing concerns, we will be looking into social, community building activities for MS students to participate in that we will be able to safely host while adhering to current-level guidelines and recommendations.

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