



# Where the Plus Means So Much More!

Fair Campus | Maybury Campus | Napoleon Campus

July 17, 2020

Dear A+ Arts Academy Families and Staff,

First, we would like to “Thank You!” for your patience as we navigate to ensure, responsible reopening for A+ Arts Academy. This has been an ever evolving situation that has many variables to address. The process of determining what a return to school will look like has stressed and concerned us all. We recognize that anything but a traditional return to school is disappointing and detrimental. However, we must follow guidance from our health professionals. All schools nationwide have been charged with determining a balance between considering education options and ensuring we abide by health and safety priorities.

## **Declaration of Intent**

To support planning efforts of providing the best fit for all our scholars, this school year, we are requiring all families to complete a “Declaration of Intent” form for each scholar. We ask that you make a selection on the option that best meets your child’s educational needs for the upcoming 20-21 school year.

**The online form is open until midnight, Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Please click the link to complete the form: <https://forms.gle/kw7XBxhvNJZQo3pv5>

The health and safety of our scholars and staff is our top priority.

## **Technology Support**

Electronic devices will be provided to your scholar so they can participate in e-Learning. Device pick-up information will be forthcoming. If you have not yet re-enrolled, please do so ASAP, so we can secure a device for your scholar. Enrollment is filling quickly, don’t lose your scholars seat!





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## State Guidelines

Last week, we received guidance from Governor DeWine in regard to various alert levels created by the state with additional direction for school districts to work with their local health departments to devise specific details of reopening plans. He provided the following chart that indicates the risk level that will guide actions by local county health departments. In our case, that is Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) and Columbus Public Health. As of today, Franklin County is in Red—Level 3 (approaching Level 4) which indicates very high exposure and spread of COVID-19. Please refer to the following table for the levels and A+ Arts Academy’s response to each level:

<b>Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public</b>			
<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
<b>Public Emergency</b> Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.
<b>Corresponding A+ Arts Academy School Based Instruction Options</b>			
<b>Traditional Schedule:</b> All staff & students report to school daily for instruction while following enhanced hygiene protocols.	<b>Hybrid Schedule:</b> A portion of the schools population will be in attendance while the other portion engages in remote learning.		<b>100% E-Learning:</b> All staff & students will work/learn from home.





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### **A+ Arts Academy Responsible Re-Opening Plan General Principles**

These are the general principles that will guide us as we move forward with the reopening of our schools:

1. We will continue to work closely with the Columbus Public Health Department and the Franklin County Public Health Department to promote safety in each school building. In the event we have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will work with the Health Officials to implement the appropriate notification and steps.
2. We will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school employees occupy school buildings.
3. We recognize the need for consistency in areas of operations while recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school buildings, and building operations may lead to some differences in practices.
4. We will follow FCPH recommendations that we limit the number of scholars in buildings and/or in classrooms at one time while maintaining six feet of social distancing as much as possible.
5. Face coverings (mask/shields) **will be required** for staff and scholars.
  - ✦ K-8 Scholars will wear face coverings on buses, in hallways, and in the classrooms.
6. School staff & scholars will be required to have their temperatures taken upon arrival. We ask parents/guardians to self-assess their child's health conditions prior to sending them to school. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, will not be admitted into the school building.



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## FAQ's

### When does school start?:

A+ Arts Academy is scheduled to start via E-Learning, **Monday, August 17, 2020**. Scholars will begin to follow our "Hybrid Schedule" starting on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**.

### What time does school start?:

- Fair – 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Maybury – 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Napoleon - 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

### What's a Hybrid Schedule?

What's a Hybrid Schedule? A portion of the school's population return to traditional face-to-face instruction on an assigned schedule with increased health and safety measures in place.

### **A+ Arts Academy will follow the below schedule:**

#### Fair & Maybury Campus:

Group A – Monday & Tuesday

Group B – Thursday & Friday

#### Napoleon Campus:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Thursday & Friday

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Monday & Tuesday

\*\*\*Please Note: All campuses will be closed on Wednesday for deep cleaning. Scholars will participate in Remote Learning on the days when they're not present in the building.\*\*\*

### e-Learning

A+ Arts Academy will use the PLA e-Learning website & Blackboard to provide a e-Learning. The school-based e-Learning program will mirror the content, rigor, and daily expectations as if participating in classes on campus. e-Learning will include a variety of delivery resources, such as multimedia rich courses, live instruction, and a daily schedule for scholars to submit assignments, activities, and assessments.

\*\*\*Please Note: We are aware that parents may feel more comfortable having their scholar(s) participate in e-Learning for the duration of the school year instead of following the hybrid or traditional schedule. Some stipulations apply\*\*\*



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### **Attendance:**

Scholar daily attendance will be monitored for all learning options. Absences will still need to be reported to the office.

### **Transportation:**

To date, we have not received clear guidance from Columbus City Schools in regard to transportation service and routes for this upcoming school year. Please plan to develop alternate transportation options for your scholars. We will share information, as it is shared with us.

### **Food Service:**

A+ Arts Academy will continue to provide daily breakfast & lunch for all scholars throughout any learning model. Logistics will be determined by building to minimize risk. Additional information will be forthcoming.

### **Sanitation/Hygiene:**

All campuses will follow detailed sanitation schedules, encourage all staff and scholars to follow good hygiene practices, including frequent hand washing.

### **Social Distancing:**

All campuses will operate with reduced classroom sizes, and follow social distancing protocols in hallways, classrooms, and common areas. Information will be posted as well throughout the buildings as a friendly reminder.

### **Visitors/Volunteers**

There are different levels of school visitors, and the building principal will make decisions for each situation. Visitors are discouraged from being in school buildings without an appointment. All visitors are required to wear a face covering. Safety protocols, such as a temperature check, will be implemented for all visitors. We encourage everyone to conduct business via phone, email, or other technology sources when possible.

We will continue to monitor and follow guidance from the Governor as the beginning of the school year quickly approaches. Detailed information will be communicated by your building principals on a weekly basis. Please make sure the office has current contact information for you. Information will be communicated through our website, ClassDojo, notification systems, our social media, and the Phalen Leadership Academies mobile app.

We look forward to this continued partnership as we seek to protect all scholars and staff at A+ Arts Academy!