



École des Pionniers-de-Maillarville

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For the past few weeks, we have been working to put in place all the necessary elements to allow a 2020-2021 school year that respects the orientations of the Ministry of Education and of the provincial public health office. Aware that this return to school will be unusual, we want to be as transparent as possible with regards to the efforts and the means that will be put in place to create safe and controlled environments for our students. This first communication aims to give you the main orientations for this 2020-2021 school year. Here is our back-to-school plan.

***** Please note that the Departments of Health and Education are working together to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and school staff. They frequently communicate with school boards to inform us of possible changes to the measures put in place. Therefore, this proposed plan below might be updated when necessary, based on new recommendations from the competent authorities. In advance, we thank you for your patience and understanding!**

Back to School

On September 10, 2020, the school will resume in step two of the government's [Five Stages Framework for K-12 Education](#). From the start of the school year, educational activities will take place in **cohorts made up of a maximum of 60 individuals for kindergarten to grade six classes and a maximum of 120 individuals for grade 7 to grade 12 classes**. The proposed plan by the CSF, which has been approved by the Ministry of Education, will help ensure a safe return to school for students and staff.

The Ministry of Education expects all students to be present in the classroom. However, if your child needs accommodations

for medical reasons or because a member of your family has a weak immune system, please notify the school's administration.

We will soon send information concerning the health and safety measures as well as the back to school organisation. The administration will offer two online sessions (Zoom) to inform and to answer parents' questions.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020, at 6.30 p.m. in English, and at 7.45 p.m. in French.

Link to the Zoom meeting in English: <https://csf.zoom.us/j/61912464949>

Link to the Zoom meeting in French: <https://csf.zoom.us/j/65164530359>

School transportation will be offered while ensuring everyone's safety. Details will be given to you by *First Students*.

As previously announced by the government, on September 8th and 9th, school staff will review health and safety measures and they will contact the students' families to specify details for back to school organisation.

Learning groups (cohorts)

Cohorts	Grades	Divisions	Number of students	Doors
A	M	1-2	40	#6 (8h40/14h53)
B	M/1	3-4	40	#6 (8h40/14h53)
C	1/2	5-6	46	#7 (8h40/14h53)
D	2	7-8	41	#7 (8h40/14h53)
E	2/3	9-10	42	#5 (8h40/14h53)
F	3	11-12	42	#5 (8h40/14h53)
G	4	13-14	55	#8 (8h40/14h53)
H	4/5	15-16	52	Portative (8h40/14h53)
I	5/6	17-18	54	Portative (8h40/14h53)
J	6	19	29	Portative (8h40/14h53)
K	7a/7b/7c	30-31-32	64	#7 (8h20/15h03)
L	8a/8b	33-34	55	#7 (8h20/15h03)
M	9a/9b/10a/10b	35-36-37-38	82	#2 et 5 (8h20/15h03)
N	11/12	39-40-41-42	62	#1 et 5 (8h20/15h03)

Health and safety measures

Revised health and safety guidelines have been provided to school boards across the province by the Ministry of Education and will be implemented in all schools at the start

of the school year. The prescribed measures are similar to the measures put in place in June 2020. Students, their families and staff can expect, among other things:

- Increased cleaning of building and high traffic areas;
- Frequent hand washing will be encouraged;
- Reminders to reduce physical contact and maximize physical distancing in all schools;
- Frequent reminders on the respiratory etiquette;
- Daily COVID-19 symptom assessments for all staff and students;
- The start of classes, recess and lunch breaks could also be modified;
- Grades 6 to 12 students and staff will receive two reusable masks when they return to school;
- Access to schools will be limited to staff and students;
- Staff members and students in Grades 6 to 12 will be required to wear masks when physical distancing cannot be observed such as in certain hallways or on buses;
- Students and staff who wish to wear masks in class will be able to do so;
- In the common areas, arrows will indicate the direction of traffic;
- When possible, the windows will be opened;
- Outdoor activities will be encouraged;
- And all other health and safety measures prescribed by the Education Ministry and public health authorities will be put in place.

Be assured of our desire to create a safe and controlled learning environments for our staff and students. We are looking forward to welcoming our students to our school! Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Happy school year 2020-2021!

L'équipe administrative de l'école des Pionniers-de-Maillardville