

Update, December 18, 2020: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

2020-2021 School Year

Calendar Reminders

Dec. 19-Jan. 3: Christmas Break
January 4: Students return to school.
January 18: Martin Luther King Day---No school.

Education Learning Consideration

We will continue to follow our reopening plans on using the Ohio Covid-19 Risk Level Guidelines to determine method of student education in our buildings. Notifications take place on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. from the Ohio Department of Health.

- Level 1(yellow) and 2 (orange) Face to Face instruction five days a week
- Level 3 (red) Modified learning schedule
- Level 4 (purple) Full remote.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. We are very proud on how our students have adapted and adjusted during the first semester of the school year. We appreciate all the families and community support. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Ohio Special Education Rating---Ridgewood Local Receives Highest Rating

The special education program in a district is the basis of success for students with disabilities. Every year, districts receive a rating on the performance of their special education program, known as their Special Education Rating. The Ohio Department of Education uses final data that districts submit through the Education Management Information System (EMIS). These data result in one of four ratings — *Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention*. Ridgewood Local Schools received the highest rating of Meets Requirements. Rating criteria is based on student academic performance data as well as compliance indicators. For more information regarding Ohio's Special Education Rating go to the Ohio Department of Education website at education.ohio.gov

MVHC Clinic Holiday Hours

The MVHC Clinic is located in the module behind the elementary school. View the [MVHC School-Based Health Program Video](#) on the district website for information on the MVHC School-Linked Health Care Program. Parents/ Guardians must complete the [MVHC Electronic Docusign Forms](#) for their students to participate in the program. You will find the Docusign Forms on the district website. The program also provides health care to the community. They are now offering Flu vaccines. An appointment can be scheduled by calling 1-888-454-5157.

Christmas/New Year's Hours

December 21---23	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Open to General Public
December 24/25	Closed	

December 28---30	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Open to General Public
December 31	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Open to General Public
January 1	Closed	

- MVHC will return to normal operating hours beginning January 4, 2021.

Normal Operating Hours:

- Ridgewood Students: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- General Public: Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Calamity Days (Snow Days)

Our decision to close school due to weather is based solely on the safety of our students and staff. We utilize data from multiple sources such as weather reports, local and state road conditions as well as contact with area school superintendents when closing school.

We will use a variety of communication avenues when delaying or closing. We will post closings and delays on our school district app as well as our website www.ridgewood.k12.oh.us. We will also utilize our call system. School closings and/ or delays will be notified if possible the prior evening or by 5:30 a.m. It is important to update any changes to your phone with our Central Office at 545-6354. In addition, closing and delays will be reported to the following radio stations WTNS, WTUZ, WJER and television stations WHIZ, NBC4, 10WBNS and ABC6/Fox.

We will utilize our remote learning plan for any snow days beyond five.

Reporting of Positive Covid-19 Cases(s)

In the event of a positive student or staff Covid-19 test, the following notification will be applied.

- 1) Confirm positive case with Coshocton County Health Department.
- 2) Email staff to inform a positive case with a student or staff member in our district.
- 3) All Call to the building's staff and students that a student or staff member tested positive for Covid-19. Anyone identified as close contact will be notified by the Coshocton County Health Department.
- 4) Letter sent home or mailed to students/staff that someone from your child's/student's classroom tested positive for Covid-19. The Coshocton County Health Department will contact you if you need to be quarantined.
- 5) Post notification to district website.

Remote Learner's Expectations---Reminders

- Student attendance is based on completion of daily lessons/activities and/or zoom meetings.
- Students are expected to be available during normal school hours.
- In the event of a 2 hour delay, full time remote students will need to be flexible with their zoom meetings. Zoom meeting times may stay the same time or be cancelled. It is possible that a zoom meeting will still take place at 8:00 a.m.
- Students will be graded on the accuracy of their daily lessons.
- Parents/guardians should review periodically their child's google classroom grades.
- Daily lessons/activities are expected to be completed by the end of the school day.

School Meals

Ridgewood Local School District will **NOW offer a free breakfast and lunch** to all students. **Free lunch will be provided to all students effective on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 until the end of the school year.** Participating in the free breakfast and lunch program helps Ridgewood Local Schools.

Ridgewood Elementary School breakfast will be served when the students entering the building in the morning. Ridgewood Middle School and Ridgewood High School students will pick up their grab and go breakfast in the cafeteria and proceed to their 1st period class. All three school buildings will serve lunch in the cafeteria with students eating either in the cafeteria, classroom and/or gym. Due to the current health situation, we will not have a share cart or microwave/toaster for student use.

Remote Learning student may begin to pick up their meals on Friday, at Ridgewood Middle School from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Stoffer at michelle.stoffer@ridgewood.k12.oh.us or 740-545-5301.

Building Hours and Restrictions

We are restricting visitors to all buildings at this time. If you need anything, please call your child's school building or central office. Our buildings are open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ridgewood Elementary School	740-545-5312
Ridgewood Middle School	740-545-6335
Ridgewood High School	740-545-6345
Ridgewood Local Schools	740-545-7639

Everything is subject to change. We will reassess our Reopening Guidelines weekly.