
Arlington Public Schools

— METCO PROGRAM —

METCO PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 2019-2020 there were 74 students that participated in the program
- Grades K-12
- Hardy, Peirce, Bishop, Gibbs, Ottoson, AHS

- Five APS METCO team members
 - Director- Margaret Credle Thomas
 - Social Worker- Tonika Claiborne
 - Social Worker Intern- Richelle Smith
 - Bus monitors- Donna Coakley and Kitana Cruz

Services Provided After Spring Closure

- APS METCO team immediately reached out to families through telephone calls and emails to determine the most important resources families needed.
- Families had the opportunity to receive chromebooks from Arlington Public Schools on distribution dates. The METCO team also met families in Boston to provide a chromebook for those unable to drive to Arlington.
- METCO program gave information to families who may have been experiencing food insecurity - Boston Public Schools had 97 locations that provided breakfast and lunch between the hours of 8:30-11:30.

School Closure Services Continued

- Social workers provided students virtual social community lunch groups
- METCO contracted with Ann's Christian Learning Center to provide supplemental tutorial support for 40 students who had been receiving intervention services
- METCO engaged Mindy Wright Consultants to provide college access workshops for juniors and seniors
- Family outreach continued to check-in on virtual learning and to provide referrals to other supports as needed

METCO Reopening

2020-2021 Transportation:

- Program follows Department of Elementary Secondary guidelines
- Providing transportation to 30 students from families who have chosen the hybrid model
- Elementary bus has 17 riders,
- Secondary Bus has 17 riders, including bus monitor and driver
- Four Boston-resident students attend 4-days a week
- Reverse field trip transportation provided for AHS students

METCO Reopening Continued

Materials distribution:

Evening distribution at Boston location for families who cannot travel midday to Arlington for distribution of T-passes, chromebooks, iPads, textbooks, art supplies

Ann's Christian Learning Center:

Remote Academy students provided tutorial support

Student support services:

METCO team developing case management schedules to provide support for both hybrid and remote students

Food support:

Developing weekly lunch delivery schedule for remote students

LOOKING AHEAD

Transportation:

METCO program will contract a third bus when AHS opens a hybrid model

In case of a future closure:

All Arlington METCO students will receive Ann's Christian Learning Center tutoring support

Student success:

Three AHS students are POSSE Foundation Semi-Finalists!