TYPES OF SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULES

TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE

HYBRID SCHEDULE

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE
Requires students to be physically present in school with scheduling modifications to follow CDC and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recommendations.

Facility and Staffing Considerations

- Daily screening protocols
- Transportation adjustments
- Routine disinfectant protocols
- Consider keeping students static and moving teachers to limit interactions and assist with contact tracing
- Create plan for serving students and adjusting duties for staff who cannot return to the building due to health issues
- Limit student movement and restrict gatherings in buildings to achieve social distancing guidelines
HYBRID SCHEDULE
Combines online and face-to-face instruction for students. Schools must meet distance learning requirements.

Examples of Hybrid Schedules

A/B Days
Student population is divided in half, with each half reporting to school on alternating days and participating in distance learning during days scheduled at home. Fridays could be used for tutorials/special populations/professional development.

Elementary Face-to-Face & Secondary Distance Learning
Elementary students attend four full days a week, spread out across buildings to reduce the student-teacher ratio to support social distancing. Secondary students would complete work through distance learning.

Elementary Face-to-Face & Secondary A/B Days
Combination of the two models above with the goal of reducing the number of students in the schools each day to achieve social distancing guidelines.
Considerations for Distance Learning Effectiveness

- Sufficient internet bandwidth
- Mitigation of the digital divide among families
- Implementation of a Learning Management System (LMS) and developed curriculum content
- Training for teachers on instruction in a virtual environment