

# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN  
SY 2021-2022

**IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL**

“INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE”



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INSPIRING EXCELLENCE, PROMOTING SUCCESS

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# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The Jefferson County School District will be a premier educational institution, a source of pride and creativity, and the cornerstone of academic excellence producing life-long learners who are college and career ready.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Jefferson County School District will provide an educational climate and rigorous instructional programs that prepare all students for higher learning and careers in a twenty-first-century workforce.

# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## GOALS

- Goal 1:** The District and each school will obtain a C rating or higher on the state's accountability model.
- Goal 2:** The District will foster a friendly, collaborative, and supportive culture for students, staff, parents, and stakeholders.
- Goal 3:** The District will recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and administrators.
- Goal 4:** The District will increase parental and community engagement.
- Goal 5:** The District will utilize its resources efficiently and effectively to remain financially stable.

# IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

As we continue to navigate through the challenges caused by COVID-19, we recognize the importance of having every child at school for in-person learning to address the learning loss due to the pandemic and accelerate learning.

The decline in COVID cases, increase in vaccinations, and resources provided by the federal government, state government, and the Mississippi Department of Education make it possible for all students to return to school during the 2021-2022 school year.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR ALL

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

In-person learning allows teachers and schools to best support the academic, social-emotional and mental-health needs of our students.

Face-to-face time spent with teachers, peers and school-support staff results in a more engaging, successful learning experience. For our younger learners in particular, quality in-person instruction is crucial for them to develop physically, mentally, socially and emotionally, and sets them up for a lifetime of learning.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

## **In-Person Learning (August 9<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>)**

- In-person learning for all students.
- All students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria.
- JCSD will issue Chromebooks to all students by August 6, 2021.
- JCSD will conduct parent and student orientation by August 6, 2021.
- Teachers will report to work on August 3, 2021.
- Students will report to school on August 9, 2021.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Attendance Structure

- Students in all grade levels will attend school in-person at their assigned school 5 days per week.
- Schools will return to normal hours as outlined on the Master Schedule.
- Additional staff has been hired to help reduce the number of students in classrooms.
- All transportation will resume using pre-pandemic bus routes.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Social Distancing and Minimizing Exposure

- School leaders will provide social distancing floor and seating markings in waiting and reception areas where possible.
- District and school leaders will limit nonessential visitors and activities involving external groups and organizations.
- Staff members will monitor arrival and dismissal to discourage congregating and ensure students go straight from the vehicle to their classrooms and vice-versa.
- School leaders will provide frequent reminders, including signage, for students and staff to stay at least six (6) feet apart from one another when feasible.





# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Cleaning and Hygiene

- District and school leaders will provide training for staff members on safety protocols.
- District and school leaders will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer with at least sixty (60) percent alcohol for safe use by staff and older children, paper towels, and tissues).
- District and school leaders will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Cleaning and Hygiene

- District and school leaders will increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.
- District and school leaders will systematically and frequently check and refill supplies (e.g., hand sanitizer, soap, tissue, etc.).
- District and school leaders will encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissue should be placed in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Cleaning and Hygiene

- School leaders will allow time between activities for proper cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces.
- District and school leaders will develop a schedule for and perform ongoing and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas.
- District and school leaders will ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Cleaning and Hygiene

- School leaders and staff members will limit the sharing of personal items and supplies such as writing utensils.
- School leaders and staff members will keep students' personal items separate and in individually labeled cubbies or containers.
- School leaders and staff members will limit use of classroom materials to small groups and disinfect between uses or provide adequate supplies to assign for individual student use.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Professional Development

- District and school leaders will provide ongoing professional development based on the needs identified through our Needs Assessment Survey.
- Professional development sessions will be conducted face-to-face and virtual.
- PD sessions will include strategies to improve teaching and learning, technology, social and emotional learning, and more.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Technology

- The Technology Department will provide continuous support as students transition to in-person learning.
- Continue to support technology support needs and build fluency and comfort with technology and applications. Professional development sessions will be conducted for employees, students, and parents.
- Additional personnel will be hired to meet the demands of being a 1:1 district and the increased utilization of technology.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Communication

- District and School leaders will continue to support effective two-way street internal and external communications.
- Conduct follow up leadership check-in to monitor progress on targeted communication improvements for the fall.
- Conduct focus groups with staff to gather data about what is working and what is not.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Preparing for Cases of COVID-19

- District and school leaders will educate staff, students, and families about when to stay home.
- School leaders will identify an isolated room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive but does not have symptoms.
- School leaders will immediately separate staff and children with COVID-19 symptoms at school.





# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## Contingency Plan

- District and school leaders will execute the contingency plan for scheduling instructional delivery to students should the district or school(s) have to close due to an outbreak.
- Students will return to virtual learning in the event of an outbreak (i.e., COVID-19, influenza).
- We will provide continuous support and professional development to parents to assist students while learning from home.



# IN-PERSON LEARNING PLAN

## In-Person Learning for All

While we remain vigilant, we are excited about the opportunity to return to in-person learning for all students. We believe in-person as several benefits such as:

- Suits different learning styles
- Improves mental health
- Helps students form better connections

In the end, the goal is to accelerate the learning of all students in the Jefferson County School District in a safe and secure learning environment.

