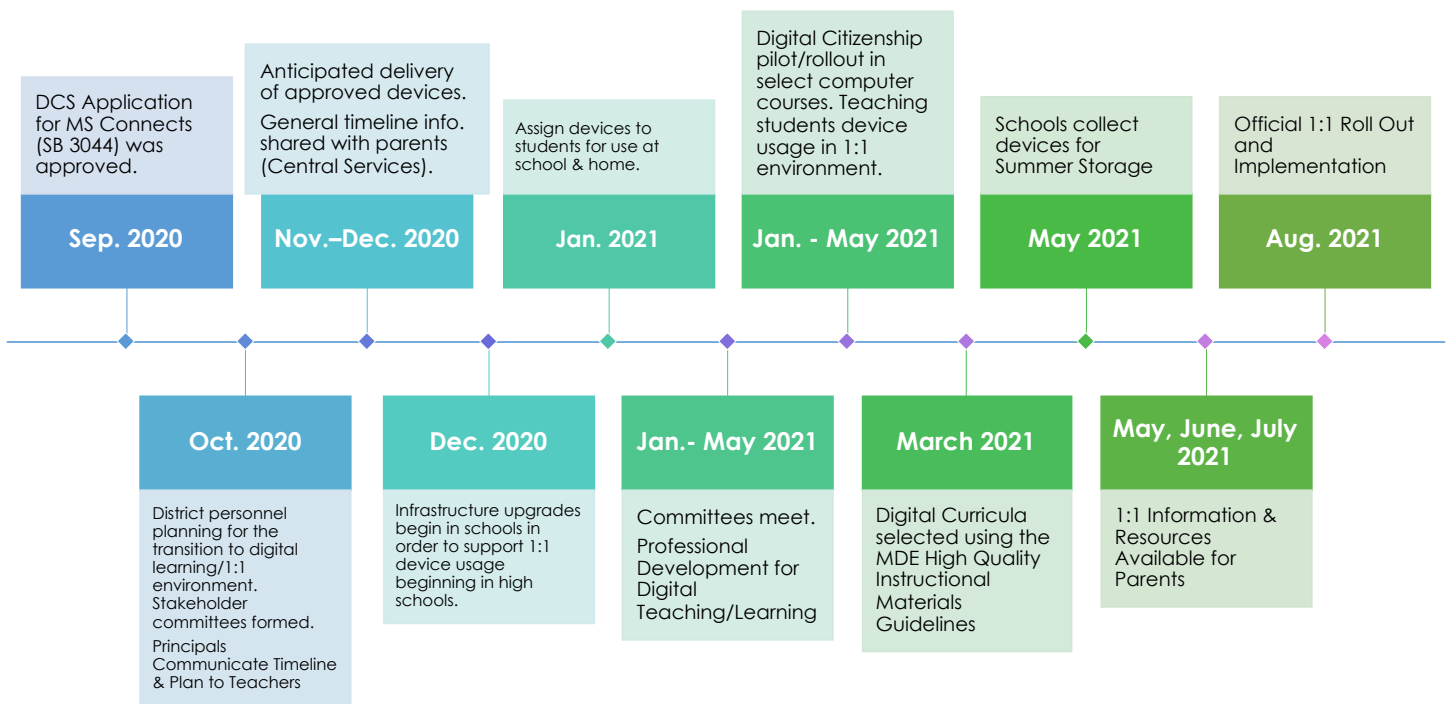


# DeSoto County Schools Digital Learning Plan

The availability of unprecedented funding and flexibility has created an opportunity to advance digital learning and create a lasting benefit for our students and teachers. Providing teachers and students with better access to technology to enhance instruction will benefit all. DCS is committed to continued student academic achievement and growth. Benefits of transitioning to digital learning include access to high-quality instructional materials, easy transition from in-person to distance learning if needed due to an emergency closure, preparation for digitally advanced careers, increased equity by narrowing the digital divide, and access to social emotional resources for emotional health.

## Timeline for Preparation & Implementation



The Mississippi Legislature allocated \$200 million for Mississippi Connects through two laws, the [Equity in Distance Learning Act \(SB 3044\)](#) and the [Mississippi Pandemic Response Broadband Availability Act \(HB 1788\)](#). The goal of Mississippi Connects is for every student to receive the technology needed to learn.



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| September 2020   | DCS Application for MS Connects (SB 3044) was approved.   |
| October 2020     | District personnel planning for the transition to digital learning. Stakeholder committees formed.<br><br>Principals Communicate Timeline & Plan to Faculty and Staff   |
| Nov. - Dec. 2020 | Anticipated Delivery of Approved Devices<br><br>General Timeline information shared with parents (General Information)  |
| Dec. 2020        | Infrastructure Upgrades begin in schools in order to support 1:1 device usage beginning in high schools.  |
| Jan. 2021        | Assign Devices to Students for use at school & home.  |
| Jan. - May 2021  | Committees meet.<br><br>Professional Development for Digital Teaching/Learning<br><br>Digital Citizenship pilot/rollout in select grade levels/computer courses. Teaching students device usage in 1:1 environment. |
| March 2021       | Digital Curricula selected using the MDE High Quality Instructional Material Guidelines   |
| May 2021         | Schools collect devices for summer storage.   |
| May - July 2021  | 1:1 Information & Resources Available for Parents   |
| August 2021      | Official 1:1 ROLLOUT and Implementation   |