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JASPER SCHOOL DISTRICT

**2020-2021
Ready for
Learning and
District Support Plan**

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF PLAN

Following the COVID-19 pandemic and mandated school closure, Arkansas schools were instructed to create a re-entry plan for students returning to school for the 2020-2021 school year. This document outlines the Jasper School District's plan for safely returning to school, as well as our transition into blended learning to ensure learning for all students anytime, anywhere. In addition, this document will serve as our District Support Plan and outlines how we will support learning to ensure success for all JSD students.



COMMITTEE

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Ms. Kelly Fillon, Parent

Mrs. Elaine Reddell, Parent

Mr. Brian Eisele, Parent

Mrs. Pam Smith, Parent

TRANSPORTATION



In order to ensure the safe transport of students, the following safety measures will be in place:

- Buses will be disinfected after each route. Bus drivers will be trained on proper sanitation procedures.
- Hand sanitizer will be located at the front of the bus for student use when boarding and unloading from the bus.
- Drivers and aides (if applicable) will wear a face covering while students are on the bus when social distancing is not feasible.
- Students age 10 and over will be expected to wear a face covering on the bus when social distancing is not feasible. However, transportation for students will not be denied for not having a face covering.

FACILITIES



To prevent the spread of communicable diseases, it is imperative that our facilities remain as sanitary as possible. School custodians will employ the following safety measures to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff:

- Supplies, such as trashcans, disinfecting wipes, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer will be readily available in every classroom.
- Water fountains will be limited and bottle filling stations will be utilized on each campus.
- Restrooms will be regularly cleaned and disinfected on a rotation throughout the day.
- Common areas will be restricted to ensure social distancing of students. These areas will also be cleaned and disinfected on a rotation throughout the day.
- Students will utilize hand sanitizer before and after recess. Disinfectant will be sprayed on the playground equipment after each recess period.
- The maintenance supervisor will be responsible for ordering all disinfectant to ensure the safe handling of chemicals.
- Custodians and maintenance staff will be trained on proper environmental surface cleaning and disinfecting practices.
- Maintenance and custodial staff will be provided appropriate PPE to help ensure their safety.

FOOD SERVICE



Feeding our students is a priority of the Jasper School District. All students will continue to have access to approved meals, whether they are learning at school or from home. In order to accomplish this task, the Food Service Department will employ the following:

- Tables will be spread out throughout the cafeteria to ensure social distancing.
- No more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cafeteria capacity will be utilized at any time.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the cafeteria.
- No self-service will be allowed.
- Cafeteria staff will provide the utensils on the tray. There will be no self-service of eating utensils.
- There will be no money exchanged through the lunch line. There will be a designated time in the mornings for students to bring lunch money to the Food Services staff.
- We will continue feeding remotely as needed for virtual students.
- Food services will continue to use as much pre-packed food options as feasible.
- Food service staff will be trained on proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
- Elementary breakfast will be served in the classrooms.
- If we are unable to meet social distancing requirements issued by the Arkansas Department of Health when eating in the cafeteria, alternate locations, including classrooms, will be considered for meal delivery and consumption.

SCHOOL HEALTH



At Jasper School District, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. This includes mental health as well as physical health and safety. To maximize student health during the pandemic, the following health and safety protocols will be instituted on each campus:

- Students and staff will wear face coverings when social distancing is not feasible.
- Face coverings will be provided for all students and staff.
- Students will be placed 6 feet apart, when feasible.
- Teachers will stand 12 feet from students when speaking, if feasible.
- School nurses will have a designated space for healthy students needing routine checks and procedures.
- An isolated space with appropriate ventilation will be designated for students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.
- We will partner with our School-Based Health Clinic to ensure that students who need immediate medical attention are afforded timely services.
- School nurses will assist with the screening process for students, staff, and visitors.
- School staff will be responsible for self-screening using the required JSD screening form and procedures.
- School nurses will assist with the procurement of appropriate PPE for students and staff as needed.
- School nurses will share healthy habits and hygiene resources and best practices on social media and the JSD website.
- School nurses will help educate students, staff, and families regarding when children can come to school and when they should stay home.
- Mental health services will continue to be provided to students either in person or through telehealth. Staff will receive training on trauma, mental health, and providing social/emotional support for students.
- Staff will be re-trained on child maltreatment and mandated reporting procedures.

FISCAL SERVICES



It is important that certain fiscal services to continue, even during times of school closure. The essential operations that we must ensure continue at all times include: payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. In the event that our employees who hold these responsibilities are out of the office due to illness or quarantine, we have additional staff trained in the district who can perform these operations. In the event that the school is closed to all personnel, we will ensure ongoing essential fiscal services through the following processes:

- The district treasurer has a secure VPN to work from which will allow for seamless continuation of payroll.
- Most of our financial business is done through direct deposit.
- For employees needing paper checks, they will be printed from a remote location and mailed to the employee.
- An employee will be designated for accounts payable and receivable
- The mail will be obtained from the post office each day and all bills will be paid in a timely manner.
- Any accounts receivable money issued through the mail will be deposited the same day as received.

LIMITING ACCESS



The Jasper School District welcomes visitors and encourages parent and community involvement. However, in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, the following protocols will be enforced on each campus:

- Signs approved by ADH will be placed on all doors.
- The number of visitors will be limited.
- Visitors will report through a single access point.
- Visitors will be screened upon entering the buildings, as required by current ADH guidelines.
- Playgrounds will be closed before and after school hours.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Multiple learning options will be available for students of the Jasper School District, including:

- Traditional brick-and-mortar on-site instruction
- Blended learning opportunities
- Digital learning
 - JSD Digital Learning Memorandum of Understanding
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DjK_Jp4shAAWfcyo4-lO-8xNivH56iuhGvHIUfZZLG8/edit

ASSESSMENT

The Jasper School District will use a variety of assessment for the purposes of: determining our current reality, setting school and district goals, determining interventions/enrichments, and ongoing progress monitoring.

Assessments that will be used include:

- DIBELS
- Developmental Spelling Assessment (DSA)
- Phonics Survey
- Arkansas Rapid Naming (RAN)
- Phonological Awareness Skills Test (PAST)
- Renaissance (STAR, AR, 360)
- ACT ASPIRE
- The ACT
- Teacher-created common assessments
- Classroom formative and summative assessments

ACCESSIBILITY

Internet accessibility is a barrier that the Jasper School District is working through. Approximately 80% of our students indicated that they have internet capable of streaming. Of the 20% who do not have internet service, some do not even have cellular service where they live. Approximately 85% of our teaching staff have internet access and are able to teach remotely. In order for our blended learning plan to be effective, internet access is imperative. Therefore, some of the options to ensure accessibility of all of our students and staff, we are exploring the following options:

- Hot Spots
- Chromebooks with built-in hot spots
- Equipping food delivery vehicles with hot spots for weekly/bi-weekly uploading and downloading of digital content
- Jump drives for students with no accessibility whatsoever

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Open lines of communication are critical to the success of this plan. In order to effectively communicate with students, parents, and the community, the Jasper School District will utilize the following communication mediums:

- Telephone
- Email
- School Messenger System
- District Website
- Social Media (District and School Facebook pages)
- Newspaper

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Under IDEA legislation, schools are required to provide services to all students with an IEP. Therefore, modifications and related services outlined in each student's IEP will continue to be provided, regardless of their learning modality.

TRAINING

The faculty, staff, and students of Jasper School District will require ongoing training as we transition into blended and digital learning. The following training topics will be offered:

- How to teach/learn in a digital learning environment
- How to engage students in a remote learning setting
- Digital learning etiquette
- Google Classroom training
- Benchmark Workshop Training
- Apex training
- How to effectively flip a classroom

ATTENDANCE

In alignment with the Arkansas State Reported Absence directive, a student will be counted absent if the student is not:

1. Present for onsite instruction provided by the district,
2. Participating in a planned district-approved activity, or
3. Engaged in scheduled instruction at an off-site location, including remote learning.

For digital learners, The Jasper School District will determine attendance by the successful completion and submission of assignments.

SUPPORT SERVICES and RESOURCES

- Arkansas Ready for Learning
<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/arkansas-ready-for-learning>
- Arkansas Back-to-School Playbook
<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/special-projects/statewide-playbook>
- CARES Info
<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/federal-programs/cares-act>

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CURRENT REALITY

This section will contain BOY assessment data from August 2020.

DISTRICT GOALS

These goals will be set by the District Leadership Team after analyzing BOY data. MOY and EOY goals will be set for math and literacy.

JSD LITERACY PLANS

Jasper Elementary -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UW9A6N3z9fgi6MXDQm5kwfpgJUikZSmjEzxFcFqBXP4/edit>

Jasper High School -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/18C0Dx6byNI7eRZdlpe1AvE8xIPk_VRsIdXI0WQGcdko/edit

Kingston -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/110WIL_e0PZxhyWtFHFv0SbmAvsXYjBAG6QZfnY8OYmU/edit#slide=id.p1

Oark -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jw4n1mT530gznUo4eIfmnJxYByTEoLrFQSGOT4zWRBo/edit>