



## JSD 2021-2022 Remote Learning Policy

The Jasper School District supports Arkansas Act 867 which allows for students to receive an education in an Arkansas public school without being physically present in the classroom. For this purpose, JSD has developed JSD REAL, a remote digitally learning model of instruction. However, we firmly believe students learn best when they receive direct instruction in person from a highly qualified teacher whenever possible. For this reason, JSD REAL is only open to students in grades 9-12 who meet certain criteria for enrollment. For the 2021-2022 school year, JSD will not offer a remote learning option for students below grade nine.

Jasper School District's Digital Learning Plan is a partnership with Virtual Arkansas. The courses offered are provided by teachers from Virtual Arkansas and monitored by certified teachers employed by Jasper School District. All students choosing this learning model will be under the jurisdiction of Virtual Arkansas policies and regulations. In addition, students will follow all policies and regulations set forth in Jasper School District's student handbook

In addition, the following policies will apply:

- Families will have until August 1, 2021 to apply for JSD REAL model of instruction.
- All students who are enrolled in JSD REAL digital learning model **will be required** to log in and complete their assignments daily. Many of the courses are synchronous and required attendance and participation during a set time frame weekly.
- All JSD REAL students **will be required** to come on-site for all standardized tests. Students must check in at the office and follow all campus policies and procedures.
- Students enrolled in JSD REAL must choose courses from the Virtual Arkansas Course Catalog. High School counselors will work with students to build their course schedules and ensure progress toward graduation. JSD REAL students will be able to participate in athletics, band, and other club activities on campus.
- If students choose a course offered by the high school onsite, they must attend the class in person and during the times the course is scheduled on the master schedule. In addition, students will not be permitted to be onsite unless they are enrolled in a course and then only during the time such course is scheduled.
- Failure to show up on time for scheduled assessments, without prior arrangements with the teacher, will result in a zero for the assessment.
- If a JSD REAL student fails to progress toward meeting grade level standards as indicated by course attendance as well as the grade received in the course at the end of the first nine weeks, the student will be placed on probation and required to be onsite and complete their assigned Virtual Arkansas courses in a computer lab which will be staffed and monitored by an instruction assistant. If the student does not pass any one of the scheduled courses at the end of the semester, they **will be required** to return to campus for on-site instruction provided by Jasper School District teachers and choose courses from the high school's master schedule.
- Enrollment in the JSD REAL program will be for a semester at a time. Parents can enroll their students in JSD REAL from May 15, 2021 to August 1, 2021 and from November 1, 2021-December 17, 2021. Students will not be permitted to change methods of instruction except during the enrollment windows.
- Virtual Arkansas courses are open on a first come first serve basis. Every effort will be made to enroll students in their desired courses. Should a course be "full" as determined by Virtual Arkansas regulations, every effort will be made to schedule an alternate course.



## **JSD 2021-2022 Remote Learning Policy**

### **Enrollment Criteria for JSD REAL:**

1. Students must not have failed a course within the previous year.
2. Students must be on track and on time for graduation.
3. Students must not have a record of chronic absenteeism within the previous year.
4. Students must have access to high speed internet or sufficient cell phone service to operate a cellular hotspot. (The school has limited supply of hotspots which can be provided at no cost if needed)
5. Students must meet the enrollment criteria of Virtual Arkansas for all AP and Concurrent level courses.
6. Students should be self motivated and have demonstrated a strong work ethic.
7. Students must have the recommendation of the high school principal and counselor for enrollment.

If you would like to have your child considered for JSD's remote learning option (REAL) for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the following Application for Consideration.

[Application Link](#)