



# Neshoba County School District

## 2020-2021 Return-to-School Plan

<u>OVERVIEW</u>			
	<p>While crafting the return to school plan for the NCSD, our administrative team has collaborated with medical professionals as well as other Mississippi districts, and participated in state and nation-wide Zoom meetings related to the latest updates and research data. We also met with our teacher advisory and parent advisory committees on this plan. Research from the American Association of Pediatrics (AAP) the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are continually monitored for the latest research on return to school practices. The research and evidence are clear that a traditional return to school is best for our students, staff, and community.</p> <p><b><i>*This plan is subject to adjustment based on health factors and any order of the governor. We have been cleared to return to school and our students need the outstanding instruction that our staff provides.</i></b></p>		
<u>ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING</u>			
Traditional Instructional Program	<p>The NCSD will follow a traditional schedule. The school day will consist of 330 instructional minutes.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Fall Semester: Starts August 5, 2020 Ends December 18, 2020</td> <td>Spring Semester: Starts January 7, 2021 Ends May 25, 2021</td> </tr> </table>	Fall Semester: Starts August 5, 2020 Ends December 18, 2020	Spring Semester: Starts January 7, 2021 Ends May 25, 2021
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Hybrid Instructional Program	<p><b>Update - Neshoba Central High School will return to a traditional schedule beginning January 7, 2021 until further notice.</b></p> <p><b>Update - Neshoba Central High School will be on a hybrid schedule beginning August 31, 2020, until further notice.</b> The red group, students whose last names begin with A-K, will have on-campus learning on Mondays and Wednesdays and at-home virtual learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The blue group, students whose last names begin with L-Z, will have at-home virtual learning on Mondays</p>		

	<p>and Wednesdays and on-campus learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All high school students will have at-home virtual learning on Fridays. Students attending band, football, dance, cheer, basketball, softball and baseball on their at-home virtual learning days will come to campus at their designated times, report directly to their coach/sponsor and have temperatures checked daily. On-campus days will consist of 330 instructional minutes. At-home days will consist of 240 instructional minutes.</p>
<p>Virtual Learning Program</p>	<p>A virtual learning option will be provided to students with a valid medical or health issue that prevents them from attending in person. The parent’s request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis against the established criteria. Students participating in virtual learning will NOT be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities (band, athletics, NJROTC, etc.) or be eligible to receive academic rewards. Some elective courses may not be offered to virtual learning students. The learning management systems used for virtual learning are Google Classroom for Grades Pre-K – 5 and Canvas for Grades 6 – 12. K12 TotalView School will also be used for Grades K – 8. Web-based instructional programs such as i-Ready and Exact Path can be used as well. Instructional minutes will be the same as the traditional schedule (330 minutes). Should the district or school(s) have to close due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases, instruction will be delivered virtually to all students and minutes of instruction may be adjusted at a minimum of 240 minutes. Students who have COVID-19 related absences will be provided virtual learning as well. For students who do not have access to high-speed internet, assignments will be provided using other means such as flash-drive, packets, projects, etc. Special Education &amp; English Language Learner services will be provided in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines. For Carnegie credit courses, the district will ensure mastery of content by completion of scheduled assignments and assessments with a final average of 65 or above. Attendance will be monitored by the learning management systems, Google Classroom for Grades Pre-K-5 and Canvas for Grades 6 – 12, or day-to-day contact from the teacher along with student progress on daily assignments/established learning goals/assignment completion. See <a href="#">Policy JBD: Attendance</a></p> <p><b>Update: Beginning January 7, 2021, NCHS will return to a traditional schedule.</b></p> <p>Update: Beginning August 31, 2020, until further notice, NCHS will be on a Hybrid Schedule. Students whose last names begin with A-K will have on-campus learning on Mondays and Wednesdays and students whose last names begin with L-Z will have on-campus learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students will virtually learn 3 days per week. Students participating in athletics and extracurricular activities will report at those designated times each day.</p>
<p><b><u>OPERATIONS</u></b></p>	
<p>Transportation Guidelines</p>	<p>Transportation will be provided daily. However, parents are encouraged to bring their children to school in order to reduce the number of students on the bus, if possible, or if they are uncomfortable with bus transportation. Drivers and students are required to wear a mask unless social distancing can</p>

	<p>be successfully achieved. Students will have assigned seats on the bus. Drivers will keep a seating chart to make contact tracing easier. Siblings will be expected to sit together. Students will use hand sanitizer when getting on the bus. Windows on the bus will be open when weather permits. Each bus will be provided with hand sanitizer and disinfectant. Buses will also be “fogged” with disinfectant between routes. Buses will stagger loading and unloading locations at the schools to prevent a large number of students entering one entrance.</p> <p>NOTE: Car riders will use hand sanitizer before entering the buildings.</p>
Food Service Guidelines	<p>The NCSd will have “grab and go” meals for our students for a period of time to prevent large numbers of students occupying the cafeteria. Staff may elect to take their students outside or eat in the classroom. When deemed safe, classes may have a rotating schedule of eating in the cafeteria with appropriate spacing. Cafeteria staff will be required to wear masks and follow safety precautions. Plexi-glass has been installed for cashiers to add a layer of protection between cashiers and teachers and students. Students will not use the keypads to enter lunch codes. Cashiers will enter all codes.</p>
<b><u>HEALTH AND SAFETY</u></b>	
Facility Guidelines	<p>All buildings, classrooms, common areas, food and nutritional service areas, buses, bus service areas and equipment, and areas associated with cocurricular or extracurricular practice areas/events will be “fogged” each day to sanitize all areas. All areas will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant. Custodians will have staggered schedules in order to sanitize all areas at various times. Masks will be required for cafeteria staff while preparing and serving meals. Parents must have a mask on when entering school buildings. Each school entrance has a barrier that parents or other adults cannot go beyond. Adults will not be allowed in the halls or classrooms during the school day. On-campus visitors and conferences will be limited. Parent conferences, TST meetings, etc., will be held virtually as much as possible to limit exposure. Other communications with parents/guardians will be by email, phone calls, Remind, etc. Clear dividers have been installed in the front entrance for receptionist/attendance clerks that provide an extra layer of protection between the parent/adult and employee. Furniture placement in classrooms will support social distancing guidelines as much as possible. Students will have assigned seats. Teachers will maintain seating charts in order to make contact tracing easier. Procedures will be put in place to reduce the flow of traffic in each school. Student Chromebooks and computers will be cleaned between each student use.</p>
Health and Hygiene Guidelines	<p>Masks or face shields are required for all staff and students when social distancing is not possible (small groups, changing classes, etc.) Masks can be worn at all times if staff and students choose to do</p>

	<p>so, but can be removed when social distancing can be successfully achieved. Staff temperatures will be taken upon entering the buildings each day. Staff will self-report any symptoms. Student temperatures and screenings will be taken by classroom teachers. Parents are encouraged to monitor temperatures and symptoms of their children daily. A staff member or student will be sent home if their temperature is 100.0 or above. Staff and students will sanitize their hands when entering the buildings. Staff and students must bring their own water bottles and will have access to touchless bottle filling stations.</p> <p>When a student is identified as showing symptoms of COVID-19, the parent/guardian will be notified to sign out the student. The student will be escorted to the vehicle when the parent/guardian arrives to pick him/her up.</p>
<p><b>Underlying Health Conditions</b></p>	<p>School nurses collect medical information on all students each year. The necessary accommodations will be made for students with non-severe health conditions such as asthma, allergies, etc. Parents may request virtual learning for students with valid underlying health conditions that may prevent them from coming to school. Parents will fill out a request form and a committee of administrator, teachers and school nurse will evaluate the request based on established criteria and make decisions on a case-by-case basis. Medical documentation may be required.</p> <p>Staff members who self-report underlying conditions or provide medical documentation of underlying health conditions will be accommodated as much as possible in the classroom or will be allowed administrative leave.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Confirmed Case Guidelines</b></p>	<p>The NCSD will follow the Mississippi Department of Health’s Guidelines for K-12 – COVID-19 Cases or Suspected Outbreaks. Ill students or staff with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be isolated in the nurse’s office or designated room. The student’s parent/guardian will be notified to pick the student up from school. The teacher will move the remaining students to a designated area and notify the front office. The front office will notify the custodian, who will proceed to the room and properly clean and sanitize the space. A negative test will not be required for return to school. A return to school note from the child’s provider will not be required. Close contacts will be identified as any individual within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes or greater and parents will be notified.</p> <p><b>Update: January 7, 2021</b></p> <p><b>COVID-19 Related Situations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sick student or adult (<b>no close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19</b>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many COVID-19 related symptoms can also be symptoms occurring with the common cold, stomach virus, strep throat, flu, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student or adult can come back to school when there are no illness symptoms (including fever) for at least 24 hours.</li> <li>○ The return to school or work is dependent on the fact that there is no reason to think that COVID-19 is present. If there is a concern that COVID-19 is present, testing should occur.</li> <li>● Student or adult waiting for test results of Covid-19 test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quarantine at home until results</li> <li>○ Then follow protocol</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student or adult has tested positive for COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student or adult will isolate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For 10 days from the date of positive test results if no symptoms have developed <b>OR</b></li> <li>➤ For 10 days from when symptoms begin <b>and</b> symptoms have improved with no fever for at least 24 hours</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Close contact with someone who has COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes or more.</li> <li>○ Stay home for 10 days after last exposure to the infected individual. If symptoms occur, follow protocol for a person who knows or thinks they have COVID-19.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>●Parents and guardians will be notified via letter of positive cases discovered in their children’s classes or other similar groups/teams.</p> <p>This list is not all inclusive. Other situations may occur with students and adults in regard to COVID-19 and other illnesses. The school administration will work with school nurses, local healthcare providers, and the MSDH to determine the best course of action to take in these situations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Extracurricular Activities Guidelines</p>	<p><b><u>Athletics and Activities are operating under the guidelines that have been set by the State and MHSAA:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Practice/Day to Day Guidelines</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will be asked each day if they have run fever in last 24 hrs. or have any other COVID-19 related symptoms.</li> <li>2. Any student that has run a fever in the last 24 hrs. will not be allowed to participate. Parents and administration will be notified.</li> <li>3. Students and coaches/sponsors will disinfect with germ-x before and after participation.</li> </ol>

4. Weight stations will be sprayed and wiped down between lifters with supplied solution.
5. Locker rooms/weight rooms/indoor practice areas will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.
6. Balls and/or equipment will be wiped/sprayed down periodically during and after practice/contest.
7. There will be no sharing of community water. Students will bring their own. If not, cups will be provided.
8. Distance spacing (6 ft.) will be used at all times if possible. Masks are recommended in areas where social distancing cannot take place.
9. Planning is crucial. Splitting into smaller groups for weight room use and other practice activities in order to social distance will be used when possible.
10. No clothing (uniforms) to be washed will be left on campus overnight. All clothing should be washed and dried before the next day.

#### **Contest Guidelines**

1. All pregame meetings will be limited to one coach per team and officials with host administration. All attendees will maintain social distancing (6 ft. apart).
2. Handshakes with officials and opposing teams, along with opposing players, will not be permitted.
3. Before, during and after the contest, players, coaches, game officials, team personnel and game administration officials will wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.
4. Social distancing of 6 ft. will be maintained at all times while on the sidelines and on the field of play when possible.
5. Everyone will have their own beverage container that is not shared.
6. Cloth face coverings are permissible for all coaches and team staff and for all game administration officials.
7. The number of non-essential personnel who are on the field/court level throughout the contest will be limited.
8. Dressing facilities for game officials and teams will be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival and after each contest.

**NOTE: Spectators will be strongly encouraged to social distance or wear masks. Signage will be placed at entrances for spacing, etc.**

#### **Chorus**

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will sanitize their hands as soon as they enter the rehearsal room.</li> <li>2. Students will be encouraged to wear their masks at all times, but masks are required while singing in small groups or rehearsing parts near the piano.</li> <li>3. Students will be given ample space from each other.</li> <li>4. Students will be instructed to sing facing forward. Don't sing toward the person to your left or right.</li> <li>5. Music folders and other points of contact will be sprayed on a daily basis.</li> </ol>
<b><u>PARENT SUPPORT</u></b>	
Technology & Academic Support	<p>Detailed instructions on how to use Google Classroom and Canvas will be provided to parents and students by the teachers. Teachers will create videos in order to model the use of these programs as well as instructional videos of grade-level standards. When enough devices have been received to be 1:1, students will be distributed Chromebooks to use at home for virtual learning in the case of school closure.</p> <p>An email notification system will be implemented to provide technical support and address technology-related questions for students and parents.</p>
<b><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></b>	
Contact Information	<p><b>Health:</b> Stephanie Peebles, RN, NCSD Nurse (speebles@neshobacentral.com)  <b>Safety:</b> Jimmy Rowcliff, Transportation/Safety Director (jrowcliff@neshobacentral.com)  <b>Communication:</b> Dr. Lundy Brantley, Superintendent (lbrantley@neshobacentral.com)</p> <p>NOTE: Should there be an outbreak that necessitates immediate closure, the district will communicate plans to ALL stakeholders through social media, AIM notification system and local radio/television stations.</p>