



Neshoba County School District

2021-2022 Return-to-School Plan

Revised September 7, 2021 (Revisions are noted in red.)

<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><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></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 border="0"> <tr> <td>Fall Semester:</td> <td>Spring Semester:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Starts August 6, 2021</td> <td>Starts January 11, 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ends December 22, 2021</td> <td>Ends May 27, 2022</td> </tr> </table>	Fall Semester:	Spring Semester:	Starts August 6, 2021	Starts January 11, 2022	Ends December 22, 2021	Ends May 27, 2022
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Distance Learning Program	<p>Should the district or school(s) have to close due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases, instruction will be delivered remotely to all students. Students who have COVID-19 related absences will be provided remote learning as well. The learning management systems used for virtual learning are Google Classroom for Grades Pre-K – 5 and Canvas for Grades 6 – 12. Web-based instructional programs such as i-Ready and Exact Path can be used 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.</p>						

	<p>Special Education & English Language Learner services will be provided in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Policy JBD: Attendance</p>
<u>OPERATIONS</u>	
Transportation Guidelines	<p>Transportation will be provided daily. However, parents may 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. Masks are required for drivers and students. Social distancing will be in place as much as possible. Each bus will be provided with hand sanitizer and disinfectant. Windows on the bus will be open when weather permits. Buses will also be “fogged” with disinfectant as needed.</p>
Food Service Guidelines	<p>Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria with adequate space between tables. Plexi-glass has been installed for cashiers to add a layer of protection between cashiers and teachers and students. Staff may also elect to take their students outside for lunch. If necessary, the following options will be available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grab and go” meals for students for a period of time • Staff may take their students outside or eat in the classroom • Rotation schedule of eating in the cafeteria with appropriate spacing
<u>HEALTH AND SAFETY</u>	
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” as needed to sanitize all areas. All areas will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant available. Clear dividers in the front entrances provide an extra layer of protection between the parent/adult and receptionist/employee. Furniture placement in classrooms will support social distancing guidelines as much as possible. In addition, the district is in the process of improving ventilation by updating H-VAC systems in its facilities.</p>
Health and Hygiene Guidelines	<p>Parents are responsible for assessing students for any Covid-related symptoms before their arrival to school. All employees will self-assess for symptoms of Covid-19 before reporting to work. If students</p>

	<p>or employees have Covid-related symptoms, they are encouraged to take diagnostic and screening testing and will remain at home if positive. Students and staff who are not tested, will remain at home following MSDH Guidelines.</p> <p>Beginning September 7, 2021, the NCSD will be “mask optional.” As a reminder, it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure their child wears a mask if the parent chooses for their child to wear a mask. The NCSD recommends wearing masks as does the CDC.</p> <p>Masks are REQUIRED on the buses as this is a CDC requirement for all public transportation.</p> <p>The NCSD is going to implement a “10% rule” in that if a school has 10% or more active quarantines, the school will automatically move to “masks required” for a minimum of two weeks.</p> <p>Please understand that masks may be required at any point as determined by the NCSD after consultation with local medical personnel. The health and safety of our students is of utmost importance.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer will be provided for students, staff, and visitors. Disinfectant will be provided for all classrooms and buildings.</p>
Underlying Health Conditions	School nurses collect medical information on all students each year. The necessary accommodations are made for students with non-severe health conditions such as asthma, allergies, etc.
Social/Emotional Services	School counselors, district social worker, and district behavioral therapist are available to address student and staff social, emotional, and mental health.
COVID-19 Confirmed Case Guidelines	<p>The NCSD will follow the Mississippi Department of Health’s Guidelines for Pre-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. School nurses will follow up with contact tracing and follow appropriate protocols. Students and staff who have been vaccinated will not be required to quarantine.</p> <p>Exposed Students in the classroom: (within 3ft)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wearing mask, no symptoms (NO Quarantine) 2. Fully vaccinated (if age appropriate), no symptoms (NO Quarantine) 3. No mask, no vaccine (Quarantine)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community cases or quarantines (non-school related) <p>Submit a doctor's excuse if the student is in isolation (positive for Covid19)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If you have been quarantined (close contact), submit a copy of the doctor's excuse for the parent, sibling or person that resides in the home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has been diagnosed with Covid-19 or your child has been exposed and is in quarantine, please email our Lead Nurse, Stephanie Peebles. speeble@neshobacentral.com.
Extracurricular Activities Guidelines	<p><u>Athletics and Activities are operating under the guidelines that have been set by the State and MHSAA:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students and coaches/sponsors will assess and self-report any Covid-related symptoms. Any student with Covid-related symptoms will follow protocol and will not participate. 2. Students and coaches/sponsors will disinfect with germ-x before and after participation. 3. Weight stations and equipment will be sprayed and wiped down as needed. 4. Locker rooms/weight rooms/indoor practice areas will be cleaned and disinfected as needed. 1. Dressing facilities for game officials and teams will be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival and after each contest. <p>NOTE: Spectators will be required to social distance and wear masks.</p>
<u>PARENT SUPPORT</u>	
Technology & Academic Support	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. In the case of school closure, students will be distributed Chromebooks to use at home for virtual learning. An email notification system will be implemented to provide technical support and address technology-related questions for students and parents.
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	
Contact Information	<p>Health: Stephanie Peebles, RN, NCSD Nurse (speeble@neshobacentral.com)</p> <p>Safety: Jimmy Rowcliff, Transportation/Safety Director (jrowcliff@neshobacentral.com)</p> <p>Communication: 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>
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