



**Lawrence County School District
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and Continuity of Service Plan
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Academic Programming & School Schedules

The 2022-2023 school year will begin on Thursday, August 4, 2022, with all students in grades K- 12 reporting for traditional on-campus learning five (5) days per week, Monday – Friday.

Virtual Learning

Virtual Learning is an available option for students with a documented medical condition that prevents them from attending school in person due to COVID. Parents will need to submit the Virtual Learning Option Request Form to school administrators by the **first day of each grading term (9 weeks)** and await approval or denial of requests.

All Campuses

- Spacing consideration will be encouraged and practiced on all campuses.
- Classrooms will be equipped with essential furniture only to ensure adequate space is available for spacing considerations.
- The district will work to minimize exposure to COVID -19 during class changes and other transitions.
- Canvas will serve as the Learning Management System (LMS) for virtual instruction.
- Virtual students are required to take quarterly benchmark and state assessments.
- The district will continue to use the MS Teacher Professional Growth Rubric to conduct informal and formal classroom observations and provide feedback.
- The district will continue to use surveys and PLCs to gather feedback from staff.

Students with Special Needs

- Students with special needs will receive services according to their individual IEPs or 504 Plans.

Health & Safety

The following protocols are based on current information and, like all COVID-19 information, these protocols may change as our situation changes.

I. Health Protocol for Schools

- a. Symptoms that would exclude a child/teacher/staff member from attending school
 - i. Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
 - ii. Cough
 - iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - iv. Chills
 - v. Repeated shaking with chills
 - vi. Muscle pain
 - vii. Headache
 - viii. Sore throat
 - ix. New loss of taste or smell
- b. Effective January 15, 2022, and in accordance with the most recent MSDH guidance for K-12 schools, students/teachers/staff who display COVID-19 symptoms may only return to school if they have no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should immediately be excluded from the school setting and self-isolate for at least 5 days. The individual can return to school if (1) no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, (2) fever free for 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medication, and (3) wearing a mask for 5 additional days.

- c. In the event of a suspected or confirmed case, schools should follow Mississippi Department of Health guidance regarding notification and in-depth sanitation.
- d. All persons will be required to wash hands when they come to school and throughout the day.
- e. All persons will be required to wash hands after blowing noses, coughing or sneezing, or when in contact with bodily fluids.
- f. Parent visits to schools/classrooms will be restricted and required visits to schools will occur only in the school office.
- g. **ALL** staff members will be required to wear ID badges daily.

II. Screening

- a. Self-screening for symptoms by students, parents, teachers and staff is highly encouraged.
- b. Each student/teacher/staff member should have his or her temperature taken upon arrival at a school campus before he or she is permitted to enter the school building.

III. Facial Coverings

- a. (Effective March 9, 2022): Masks are not required but strongly encouraged for all employees, students, and visitors in all Lawrence County School District buildings. COVID-19 and variant case numbers will continue to be monitored. The district encourages all eligible employees and students to take the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots when they qualify. Safety of all employees and students on all campuses is the district's top priority.
- b. Facial Covering Guidelines subject to change depending on future guidance from the MS Department of Health and the CDC.

IV. Each school campus should have a designated area for ill students or students

displaying symptoms. School personnel will be designated to monitor these students until they can be picked up. The room will be deep cleaned and sanitized after each use.

V. Preventative measures

- a. Unnecessary miscellaneous items in classrooms should be moved out to allow space in each classroom for chairs/desks to be spaced as far as possible.
- b. Restroom schedules should be established by site administrators to ensure that only members of one class are in a restroom at any given time.
- c. Hand sanitation stations will be placed at the entrances of each building.
- d. Students and employees will be encouraged to sanitize their backpacks and personal items at the beginning and end of the day and to separate personal items into cubbies or baskets that are not shared with other students.
- e. Students will not be allowed to share lockers, where applicable.
- f. Classes and employees will be encouraged to create their own hand signals to replace shaking hands, hugging, or giving high-fives.
- g. Door handles, light switches, stair railings, and other frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected routinely.
- h. ESSER II funds have be utilized to address air quality with school facilities i.e. but not limited to removal of carpet, installing tiles, adding purification systems to current HVAC systems, etc.
- i. Student and staff needs for underlying health conditions are addressed in the Virtual Learning Plan for students and the Work-From-Home policy for staff.
- j. Resources will be provided for social, emotional, mental health, and other needs for students and staff.

VI. CDC/MSDH guidelines will be followed on all school campuses.

VII. Athletics will follow procedures handed down from MHSAA.

VIII. Transportation

- a. Cleaning and sanitation of buses will be conducted after each bus route.
- b. Train staff on proper cleaning procedures.

IX. Facilities

- a. Evening cleaning crew will clean and sanitize buildings each evening.
- b. Custodians should ensure that all dispensers (soap and sanitizer) are properly filled and should complete spot cleaning and sanitation throughout the day.
- c. Teachers and staff members will also have cleaning and sanitation duties in their work areas.

X. Communication

- a. Age-appropriate hygiene and COVID-19 signage should be posted throughout each school.
- b. Custodians and evening cleaning crew should post checklists of completed cleaning and sanitation tasks for public viewing.

Transportation

1. Bus routes will run morning and afternoon based upon the district schedule.
2. Students are not required but strongly encouraged to wear facial masks while on the bus.
3. Students will be required to sanitize their hands when loading.
4. Upon entering the bus, the bus driver will spray each student's hands with hand sanitizer.
5. Students will be assigned seating. CDC guidelines will be taken into consideration. Siblings will be required to sit together.
6. Bus routes will run with bus windows down for better ventilation as weather permits.

7. Buses will be sanitized at the end of each morning route by bus driver.
8. The bus driver will sweep bus floor & spray QAD 12.5 from back to front. Front and backs of seats will be sprayed.
9. Students will arrive on campus via bus or car. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building/classroom. Students with a temperature above 100 will be identified and sent to the designated location to be monitored further. (See Health & Safety, section IV.)
10. Temperatures should be checked prior to students getting on the bus. We will only need to document those with temperatures over 100. Parents of students with temperatures over 100 will be called to pick them up from school. (They will not be allowed to ride the bus.)
11. All buses will be deep cleaned once per week with QAD 12.5 using a fogger.
12. To help minimize the number of students riding the bus, if it is feasible, parents will be encouraged to drop off and pick up their children from school.

Board Policies Regarding COVID-19

Policies regarding Safe Return to School are referenced in JGA & JGAA in the Lawrence County School District Board Policy Manual. Please reference the district's website to view policies.

Communications for Family & Community Supports

1. The district will provide academic support to families by offering a traditional in-person five-day school week with a virtual option for students with medical conditions which prevent them from attending due to COVID-19. Schools will develop schedules based on the academic and remedial needs of all students. Students in need of intensive academic support will be served through the school's multi-tiered system of support.

2. The district will gather feedback from families of diverse student groups through conducting parent surveys and gathering feedback from parent meetings.
3. The district will communicate with families through multiple forms of media to promote healthy behaviors and inform families of any changes to set schedules. This completed plan will be published on the district website.

Technology/Learning Management Systems

The goal of the LCSD is to equip teachers and students to conduct virtual learning.

1. LCSD provides one device per student (1:1) in grades K through 12.
2. LCSD utilizes Canvas, a digital learning management system (LMS), to conduct classroom instruction and manage assignments/assessments.
3. Microsoft Teams is the official virtual platform to be used for online direct instruction and staff meetings.

Summer Preparation/Implementation

In preparation of the safe return to school, at the district and school levels, administrators are ensuring the following:

- Purchasing of PPE
- Sanitizers and disinfectant supplies are being purchased
- Teachers cleaning/decluttering each classroom
- Ensuring teachers individualize manipulatives and other instructional supplies and materials
- Student schedules are being developed.

Glossary

Learning Management System (LMS): A software application or web-based technology used to plan, implement and assess a specific learning process. LMS allows students access to instruction and assignments without having to be physically present in the classroom. Lawrence County School District will implement Canvas as the LMS.

Canvas: A web-based learning management system, or LMS, used by learning institutions, educators, and students to access and manage online course learning materials and communicate about skill development and learning achievement.

Distance Learning: A technological delivery model in which regularly scheduled instruction occurs during the school day where students and instructors are not in the same place and in which a LCSD-certified teacher is responsible for providing instruction.

Virtual Learning: A learning experience that is enhanced through utilizing computers and/or the internet both outside and inside the facilities of the educational organization.