

Reopening Options FOR 2020-2021



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OPTION 1: HYBRID SCHEDULE

- All staff will return on August 11, 2020 and receive professional development.
- Starting August 17, 2020, students in grades K-12 will report to school on an A/B schedule in order to depopulate the schools and promote social distancing.
- Students will rotate between in-person and distance learning.
- **Cohort A** will report to their school sites on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.
- **Cohort B** will report to their school sites on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.
- **Fridays** will be **DISTANCE LEARNING** instructional days for students. Interventions/remediation, extensions, and social emotional learning (SEL) will be infused into classroom instruction. Teachers and students **will not report** to their school sites. Administrators and teachers will use the remainder of the school day for planning and professional development via virtual platforms.
- On the days students are not in class, they will complete instructional material, assignments, or projects to submit to their teacher(s) upon their return to school.
- Daily attendance will be taken. **Absentees will be recorded.**



- Additional protocols will be implemented to conduct screenings, to sanitize high-touch areas, to modify arrival/dismissal times and to serve meals in classrooms.

- School buses are scheduled to begin route one at the regularly scheduled times. A second route will run to pick up the remaining students, if needed. To ensure social distancing, each bus will transport 50% of its capacity. Only one (1) student will be allowed on each seat of the bus. Parents will have the option to drop off and pick up their child.



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OPTION 2: DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE



- All staff will return on August 11, 2020 and receive professional development.
- Students will return to school virtually on August 17, 2020.
- The Distance Learning Schedule will accommodate students who cannot return to the school building due to health concerns or at the request of parents who choose to educate their children from home.
- Parents must sign a waiver to opt in to the Distance Learning Schedule for their child. Once parents opt in to this mode of learning, changing to the Hybrid Schedule will no longer be an option for the Fall semester (August-December).
- The Distance Learning Model will ensure personalized, individual learning for students while they work from home.
- Instructional material will be provided for students via a combination of learning packets, projects and/or online learning platforms. Students must demonstrate mastery of the content at an acceptable level to receive credit for work.



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- Designated pickup and dropoff locations for student work will be set up on the campus of each school. Parents selecting this option for their child's learning must abide by social distancing guidelines when receiving or returning materials.
- If parents need to schedule a parent/teacher conference, they should contact their child's teacher to schedule a Zoom meeting or telephone conference. Likewise, teachers will use this platform to conference or meet with parents as needed.
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CLAIBORNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1) Why is the CCSD reopening school in the fall when the COVID-19 numbers are steadily increasing?

The CCSD received guidance issued by the Mississippi Department of Education during their regularly scheduled board meeting in June which stated that all public schools are to develop plans to reopen schools to include traditional, hybrid and virtual schedules while following CDC guidelines.

2) Will there be a distance learning option for my child if I do not feel comfortable with my child attending school due to health concerns?

Yes. The distance learning option will be provided for parents who have concerns about their child's health. However, if the distance learning option is chosen, the student will be locked into that learning option for the entire fall semester (August 2020 – December 2020). Selecting the hybrid option will no longer be available for the fall semester. Students participating in the distance learning option will be allowed to participate in athletics and/or other extracurricular activities.

3) What is the start date for school this fall? Will student go to class every day?

Students in grades PK–12 will return to school on August 17, 2020 on a hybrid schedule which will allow for maximum social distancing. This means students will only attend school at their school site two (2) days each week. Across the district, students will be divided into two groups: Cohort A and Cohort B. Cohort A will report to their school site on Mondays and Wednesdays. Cohort B will report to their school site on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the days when students are not physically at the school, they will be given work to complete that reinforces what was taught. Fridays will be DISTANCE LEARNING instructional days for students. Interventions/remediation, extensions, and social emotional learning (SEL) will be infused into classroom instruction.

4) Will buses run for transporting students? If yes, what if any new stipulations will be in place?

Yes. Buses will transport students on a hybrid schedule. School buses will transport students at 50% capacity on their routes. Bus drivers and students will be required to wear masks or an appropriate face covering at all times while on the bus. Masks will be provided for staff and students who need them. To ensure social distancing, students will be seated one child per seat. Students will be seated in a window/aisle pattern. Buses will be sanitized before each route begins.

5) Will my child be required to wear a mask while in class?

Students will be required to wear masks. Masks will be provided for students who need them. Facial shields will be provided for all students.

6) Will my child be required to wear uniforms?

No. The regular uniform for each school site will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. However, students will be required to adhere to a DRESS CODE.

7) Will breakfast and lunch be provided to my child?

Yes. All students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch for the 2020-2021 school year. Meals will be served as grab and go or delivered to rooms. On the days students are not at the physical school site, lunch will be made available to them.

8.) May I provide my child with lunch?

Parents may send lunch to school with their child. If this option is chosen, students will only be allowed to purchase milk from the cafeteria. No other food items can be purchased from the cafeteria.

9) Will my child get to go outside for recess/breaks?

No. Students will not be allowed to go outside for recess and breaks on a hybrid schedule. Students will be given stretch breaks and teachers will use the Move to Learn curriculum.

10) Will I be allowed to visit my child's class?

No. Parents, relatives, and other visitors will not be allowed to visit classrooms. This is being done to protect the health and safety of all our students and teachers.



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11) How will students be dismissed from school each day?

Students will be dismissed from school in a staggered schedule to buses and car rider lines.

12) Will the district post a school supply list for the 2020-2021 school year?

We have created a school supply list for each grade. These lists can be found on our district's website.

13) Will there be field trips?

No. Students will not be going on field trips. Teachers will be engaging students through virtual field trips.

14) Will attendance be mandatory?

Yes. Your child will still be required to attend school every day (either face-to-face or through distance learning).

15) What if my child requires virtual/distance learning options and I don't have internet or a device?

We will work with parents on a case by case basis to help meet the academic and technology needs of individual students.

16) How will social distancing be practiced at school?

Only 50% of students at each school site will report to school Monday through Thursday. Teachers will be making adjustments to their classrooms to allow students to spread out as much as possible. Schools will encourage social distancing among students.

17) What kinds of safety measures are being put in place to help ensure the health of my child?

- All students and staff will have their temperature checked daily.*
- Schools nurses will be available at schools.*
- If a student has a fever of 100.4 or higher, they will be placed in the designated isolation room until a parent picks the child up.*
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and use will be required when students enter and exit classrooms.*
- We strongly encourage parents to conduct daily temperature checks on their children. Do not send students to school if they have a temperature. Keep them home until they have been symptom free for 72 hours.*
- All classrooms will be supplied with disinfecting wipes, sanitizer, hand-sanitizer, and gloves.*
- Instructional supplies will not be shared among students.*
- Social distancing will be strongly enforced in and out of the classroom.*
- Restrooms will be sanitized several times each day.*
- While students are out of the classrooms, the custodial staff will sanitize the rooms, addressing high touch areas and equipment.*

18) What kinds of measures will be taken to ensure that buildings are sanitized?

Our staff will ensure that all classrooms, restrooms, and all high-traffic areas are routinely cleaned and sanitized. Extra supplies are being purchased and each classroom will be supplied with disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and gloves. We also recommend students bring personal hand sanitizer, if desired.

19) What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for Covid19?

The Claiborne County School District will follow the federal, state and local mandates related to staff and students who test positive for Covid19.

20) Will athletics and other extracurricular activities resume as normal?

We will follow MSHSAA guidelines and recommendations as it pertains to athletic events. Activities will resume as normal as possible and as allowed by federal, state and/or local mandates. Students participating in the distance learning/virtual learning option will be allowed to participate in athletic or other extracurricular activities.

If you have lingering questions about the reopening of school that were not answered in this document, please visit schoolreopening@claiborne.k12.ms.us and leave your questions. All questions will be addressed within 24 hours.